SUMMARY.

Presbyteries.	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Communicants.	No. Attending Sabbath School.	Baptism.	Increase.	Decrease.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Foreign Mission.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Indian Mission.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	Pastors' Salary.	Nat'l Reform.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
N. Brunswick & N. Scotia	3	2	10	... ..	164	95	4	1	7	$ 70	$ 3	$ 3	$ 3	.		$ 6	....	$ 542	.....	$ 741	$ 1,368
Iowa	9	6	40	27	810	744	26	82	43	839	364	352	149	$ 87	$ 123	95	$ 2,499	5,377	$ 236	2,278	12,399
Lakes	8	6	39	24	660	682	12	31	68	338	108	104	32	46	77	36	150	4,052	112	2,740	7,795
Kansas	16	16	67	51	1,385	1,844	65	152	88	958	479	384	197	132	218	153	524	6,614	242	3,210	13,111
Pittsburgh	26	37	106	57	2,128	2,848	71	199	204	2,504	1,188	628	386	190	1.098	400	3,543	17,399	1,608	13.862	42,806
Illinois	9	7	44	30	891	1,254	77	123	29	587	155	548	80	59	113	82	233	3,628	205	2,433	8,123
Ohio	7	5	25	14	393	306	10	4	41	267	64	126	38	15	45	37	67	1,975	104	1,349	4,087
Colorado	4	6	12	10	208	511	10	33	22	69	17	30	7	4	12	15	92	1,642	50	1.422	3.360
Vermont	4	2	13	5	159	215	2	2	3	124	32	35	59	33	35	14	11	923	48	324	1.638
Philadelphia	5	6	24	11	675	605	22	56	48	1,036	617	127	122	92	128	80	1,866	6,055	230	5,955	16,308
Rochester	6	4	20	12	374	322	3	11	11	288	62	39	37	26	42	45	224	1,855	109	2,313	5 040
New York	15	14	64	61	1,815	1,720	74	133	233	5,074	624	520	326	198	256	338	1,055	14,362	886	22,735	46,374
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Totals	115	115	470	302	9,910	11,610	401	855	825	$ 12,154	$3,713	$2,896	$1,436	$ 882	$2,147	$1,301	$ 10.261	$ 64,424	$3,830	$ 60,361	$163,408

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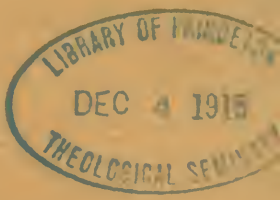

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SESSION LXVIII.

Beaver Falls, Pa., May 26th, 1897.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met, pursuant to adjournment, in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, Pa., on May 26th, 1897, at 10:30 A. M. The Moderator, Rev. J. C. Smith, called the Synod to order, and constituted the court with prayer.

The Roll was called by Presbyteries and is as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
	N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.	
Cornwallis,	Thomas McFall.	
	VERMONT PRESBYTERY.	
Barnet,	D. C. Faris.*	
	ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.	
Almonte,	E. M. Coleman.	
Lisbon,	William McFarland,	John McCullough.
Syracuse,	G. M. Robb,	Hugh Scott.
York,	J. B. Gilmore.	
Sterling,		John Hunter.
	R. C. Allen.	

* Not present at the constitution of the Court. † Ordained since last Synod.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
	NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.	
First Boston,	Samuel McNaugher.	
Second Boston,	J. M. Foster.	
Bovina,	T. M. Slater,†	John A. Russell.
Brooklyn,		J. W. Pritchard.
Cambridge,	S. G. Shaw.	
Coldenham,	Thomas Patton.	
First Newburgh,	J. W. F. Carlisle.	
Second New York,	R. M. Sommerville,	Thompson O'Neill.
Third New York,	F. M. Foster,	John Angus.
Fourth New York,		William Pollock.
Walton,	R. C. Reed,	B. M. Thompson.
	T. A. Rusk.	
	S. R. Wallace.	
	G. P. Raitt.	
	PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.	
Baltimore,	T. H. Walker.*	
First Philadelphia,	T. P. Stevenson,	William Anderson.*
Second Philadelphia,	J. C. McFeeters.	
Third Philadelphia,	R. C. Montgomery.	
	PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.	
Allegheny,	W. J. Coleman,	S. M. Orr.
Bear Run & Maho.	J. F. Crozier,	James Graham.
Rehoboth,		
First Beaver Falls,	W. M. Glasgow,	W. McKinney.
Brookl'nd & M'chester,	J. B. McIsaac,	J. G. McElroy.
Central Allegheny,	J. W. Sproull,	John Aikin.
College Hill,		J. McCartney.
East End, Pittsburgh,	D. C. Martin.	
Geneva,	H. G. Foster,	J. C. Dodds.
Little Beaver,	J. Renwick Wylie,	H. A. Young.
McKeesport & Monongahela,	B. M. Sharpe,	David Finney.
Mercer & Adamsville,	W. J. McKnight,	S. R. Rogers.
Miller's Run,	S. G. Connar,*	Jas. H. McBurney.
New Alexandria,	R. J. Gault,*	William Shaw.
New Castle,	J. S. Martin,	A. Stewart.*
Oil Creek,	S. J. Crowe.	
Pine Creek,	A. Kilpatrick,	T. A. Hamilton.
Union,		J. M. Douthett.
Pittsburgh,	D. McAllister,	J. A. McAteer.*
Parnassus,	J. S. Duncan,	M. R. Mahaffey.
Slippery Rock,	J. R. Latimer,	A. F. Kennedy.
Wilkinsburgh,	R. C. Wylie,	R. J. Ward.
Youngstown,		J. A. Forsythe.
	J. R. Baird.	
	John Galbraith.	

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Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
	R. J. George.	
	H. H. George.	
	George Kennedy.*	
	W. P. Johnston.*	
	J. C. K. Faris.	
	J. L. McCartney.*	
	R. J. McIsaac.*	
	J. J. McClurkin.	
	D. B. Willson.	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	OHIO PRESBYTERY.	
Jonathan's Creek,		Robert Thompson.
Londonderry,	P. H. Wylie,	J. E. Morrison.*
Muskingum & Tomica,		John Robinson.*
New Concord,		J. R. Willson.
Utica,	J. S. Thompson,*	Robinson Johnston.*
	J. M. Faris.	
	LAKES PRESBYTERY.	
Belle Centre,	P. P. Boyd,	Thomas Nelson.
Cedar Lake,		J. S. C. McNaughton.*
Cedarville,		D. S. Ervin.
Cincinnati,	J. C. Smith,	W. J. Poole.
Fair Grove,		J. S. Wylie.
Southfield,	J. McCracken,	Hugh Woodburn.
United Miami,	R. Hargrave,	E. Milroy.
	T. C. Sproull.	
	Charles Clyde.	
	ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.	
Bethel,	D. S. Faris,	A. W. Hunter.
Bloomington,	R. M. Blackwood,†*	J. R. Kennedy.*
Church Hill,	E. G. Elsey,	J. P. McClurkin.
Oakdale,	J. C. B. French,*	Robert P. Anderson.
Princeton,	J. G. Reed,	Charles McElhinney.
Selma,		Robert Davis.
	Solomon Kingston.	
	IOWA PRESBYTERY.	
Hopkinton,		M. L. McGlade.
Lake Reno,		J. L. Ewing.
Morning Sun,	C. D. Trumbull,	D. Kilpatrick.
Rehoboth,	J. A. Black,	T. G. Dunn.
Sharon,	T. P. Robb,	David Edgar.
Vernon,	Isaiah Faris.	
Washington,	W. C. Allen,	W. S. Wylie.*
	G. R. McBurney.	

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Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
	KANSAS PRESBYTERY.	
Beulah,		Adam Walkinshaw.
Clarinda,	J. W. Dill,	D. G. McKee.
Hebron,	W. S. Fulton.*	
Kansas City,	A. J. McFarland, Jr.,	David Henderson.
Long Branch,	J. Ralston Wylie,	Joseph McKnight.*
Olathe,	G. A. Edgar,	T. Moore.
Sterling,	T. J. Allen.	
College Springs,		James Bell.
Superior,		E. W. Hosack.
Tabor,	S. M. Stevenson.	
Topeka,		W. R. Wallace.
Winchester,	D. H. Coulter,	W. R. Curry.
Quinter,		A. G. Walkinshaw.
	H. P. McClurkin.	
	J. A. Thompson.	
	R. A. Paden.*	
	W. C. Paden.*	
	COLORADO PRESBYTERY.	
Evans,	James Patton.	
Seattle,	P. J. McDonald.	
Denver,	T. H. Acheson.	
	J. M. Wylie.*	
	SYRIAN PRESBYTERY.	
	R. J. Dodds.	

Irregular Certificates were presented by W. R. Curry, of Winchester Congregation; S. M. Orr, of Allegheny; Adam Walkinshaw, of Beulah; John Robinson, of Muskingum and Tomica; J. W. Pritchard, of Brooklyn; M. L. McGlade, of Hopkinton; E. W. Hosack, of Superior; M. R. Mahaffey, of Parnassus.

On motion, their names were added to the roll.

Ministers Absent: J. C. Taylor, J. R. Thompson, James Kennedy, T. A. McElwain, A. I. Robb, N. R. Johnston, A. W. Johnston, W. W. Carithers, J. L. Pinkerton, D. J. Shaw, George Benaugh, R. B. Cannon, Henry Easson, M. A. Gault, J. R. W. Stevenson, I. T. E. McBurney, J. M. Littlejohn, J. M. Armour, J. Boggs Dodds, David Metheny, J. S. Stewart, Robert Stewart.

Congregations not represented: St. John, Barnesville, Craftsbury, Ryegate, Lochiel, Kortright, Second Newburgh, West Hebron, White Lake, Conococheague, Clarksburgh, North Union, Salem, Mansfield, North Salem, Bellefontaine, Old Bethel, St. Louis, Staunton, Hickory Grove, First Chicago, Eskridge, Holmwood, North Cedar, Wahoo, La Junta, Eldainey, Jandairia, Latakia.

* Not present at the constitution of the Court.

T. P. Robb was elected Moderator.

F. M. Foster was re-elected Clerk, and J. A. Black was re-elected Assistant Clerk.

W. M. Glasgow and J. S. Martin were appointed Synodical Reporters.

Clerk of New York Presbytery reported the death of J. B. Williams, on May 6th, 1897.

Committee on Order of Business reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday, May 26th, 10:30 A. M.—Unfinished Business. Devotional Exercises.

Wednesday, May 26th, 2 P. M.—Statistical Reports. Report of Mission Conference. Report of Synod's Finances. Report of Synod's Trustees.

Wednesday, May 26th, 7:45 P. M.—Annual Sermon by the Retiring Moderator, Rev. J. C. Smith.

Friday, May 28th, 9 A. M.—*Reports of Boards:* Superintendents of Theological Seminary. Corporators of Geneva College. Trustees of Geneva College. Sustentation and Church Erection. Devotional Exercises.

Friday, May 28th, 2 P. M.—*Reports of Boards:* Foreign Missions. Central Board of Missions.

Reports of Committees: National Reform. Testimony Bearing.

Saturday, May 29th, 9 A. M.—*Reports of Committees:* Secret Societies. Temperance. Sabbath. Psalmody. Devotional Exercises.

Monday, May 31st, 9 A. M.—*Reports of Committees:* Systematic Beneficence. Evangelistic Work. Sabbath Schools. Signs of the Times. Devotional Exercises.

Monday, May 31st, 2 P. M.—*Reports of Committees:* Traveling Fund. Finance. Reports of Presbyteries. Discipline.

Tuesday, June 1st, 9 A. M.—*Reports of Committees:* Theological Seminary and Education. Missions. Foreign Correspondence. Printing and Publishing. Devotional Exercises.

Tuesday, June 1st, 2 P. M.—*Reports of Committees:* Records of Presbyteries. Supplies. Presbyterial Reports.

Committee on Unfinished Business reported. Report was accepted and was laid on the table for the present.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Committee on Devotional Exercises would respectfully submit the following recommendations:

I. That the last half hour of each morning session be spent in devotional exercises.

II. That the Order of Exercises be as follows:

Wednesday.—That God by His Spirit would cause us to realize the benefits to be derived from the annual meeting of Synod.

Leader, Elder Charles McElhinney.

Friday.—Prayer for congregational activity in evangelistic work, as an incentive to Foreign Mission work.

Leader, R. J. Dodds.

Saturday.—Prayer for the Holy Spirit to move the Church to testimony according to attainments in truth; the need and result.

Leader, J. S. Thompson.

Monday.—That God by His Spirit would overrule present unrest among the nations for the exaltation of Jesus Christ as King.

Leader, Elder A. Hunter.

Tuesday.—Prayer that God would magnify His power in the hearts of His people, to be exercised through His chosen and appointed institutions, for the up-building of His kingdom.

Leader, G. M. Robb.

Wednesday.—Prayer for the spirit of sincerity and truth in worship and service.

Leader, Elder J. P. McClurkin.

H. G. Foster,
P. P. Boyd,
J. C. French,
Wm. Pollock,
Wm. Copeland,
} *Committee.*

The time for Devotional Exercises having arrived, Synod engaged in worship for one-half hour.

Presbyteries were granted leave to sit.

It was voted that members of Synod provide their own dinner.

Synod took recess, for to-day, until 2:15 o'clock. Prayer by Geo. A. Edgar.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2:15 P. M. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by J. J. McClurkin.

Roll was called. D. C. Faris, T. M. Slater, J. W. F. Carlisle, R. C. Reed, T. H. Walker, J. B. McIsaac, H. G. Foster, J. S. Duncan, George Kennedy, W. P. Johnston, J. L. McCartney, R. J. McIsaac, J. S. Thompson, P. P. Boyd, E. G. Elsey, T. J. Allen, D. H. Coulter, J. M. Wylie and A. W. Hunter did not answer, but most of whom soon appeared.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES.

Discipline.—Ministers, C. D. Trumbull, J. McCracken, T. H. Acheson; Elders, D. G. McKee, John Hunter.

Finance.—Ministers, D. C. Martin, A. J. McFarland, Jr., J. C. McFeeters; Elders, Hugh Scott, D. S. Ervin.

Missions.—Ministers, P. J. McDonald, H. P. McClurkin, T. A. Rusk; Elders, John A. Russell, D. Kilpatrick.

Nominations.—Ministers, T. P. Stevenson, J. C. Smith, D. S. Faris; Elders, J. R. Willson, A. W. Hunter.

Traveling Fund.—Ministers, R. C. Wylie, J. M. Faris, J. G. Reed; Elders, W. R. Wallace, A. Stewart.

Foreign Correspondence.—Ministers, George A. Edgar, R. J. Dodds, R. C. Montgomery; Elders, J. W. Pritchard, David Edgar.

Absentees gave reasons for not being present at last meeting of Synod.

Papers were called for.

Papers Nos. 1 to 11.—Report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of Foreign Mission Fund, with synopsis; Fund for Mission in China, with synopsis; Temporary Investment Fund (Foreign Missions); Boys' Industrial School; Suadia Building Fund; Suadia Building Fund No. 2; Syrian Hospital; Church Erection Fund; Sustentation Fund; Beattie Children Fund; Literary Fund.

These reports were received and were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 12.—Letter from the Synod of Scotland. Letter was read and was referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Paper No. 13.—Communication from Chairman Executive of International Convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches, Glasgow. Communication was read and was referred to a special committee to report at this Synod.

Paper No. 14.—Report of Synod's Treasurer, John T. Morton. Report was read in part and was referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 15.—Communication from Alliance of Reformed Churches. Communication was read and was laid on the table, to be taken up in connection with Report on Unfinished Business.

Letter from N. R. Johnston was read.

Memorial on Temperance Sabbath, from London Sabbath Convention, was read. Memorial was referred to Committee on Temperance.

Letter from American Anti-Saloon League was read and was referred to Committee on Temperance.

Communication from J. Boggs Dodds, explaining why there was no meeting of Syrian Presbytery, was referred to Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

The Clerk was directed to abbreviate, for publication, Report of Committee on Order of Business.

Hour for adjournment, afternoon sessions, was fixed at five o'clock.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, J. W. Sproull, the Stated Clerk, read Statistical Report. Report was accepted. So much as referred to "reporting members" was referred to Committee on Presbyterial Reports. Statistical Report was adopted, and is as follows:

Statistical Report.

Committee on Statistical Tables would respectfully report:

Reports have been received from the clerks of all Presbyteries

except the Syrian. The statistics in it are taken from the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

But nine sessions failed to forward their reports to clerks of Presbyteries. This year our tables are fuller and nearer correct than ever before.

The number of congregations is 116, an increase of one. Three were organized during the year and two disorganized. There are 114 ministers. The increase, two by ordination, and the decrease, one by death and one by withdrawal from the Church, are the same. Three were released from their charges and one died. Four were installed, making, with the two licentiates that were ordained and installed, an increase in the number of pastors of 2. There are 40 unsettled ministers. Of these some are retired, while others are in the direct employ of the Church. There are 16 theological students and 17 licentiates. Eleven students were licensed during the year. Ten of these are expected to attend the seminary another term. Five of the licentiates are in Syria. There are 9,830 communicants, a net decrease of 125. The Presbyteries of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Iowa, Lakes, Kansas, Ohio, Vermont, Philadelphia, Rochester, New York and the Syrian report a net decrease; Pittsburgh, Illinois and Colorado an increase. Forty-seven congregations report a net decrease, 40 an increase, and 13 increase and decrease equal.

The number reported in attendance at Sabbath School is 11,468, while 2,248 belong to the young people's societies.

The total contributions were $165,280, a gain over last year of $1,872. But two congregations contributed their full quota to all the schemes, while 59 failed to make some contribution to all.

If the Synod decide to continue the present method of collecting statistics, I suggest that May 15th be the date on or before which reports must be mailed by the clerks of Presbyteries. Synod ought also to make it plain what reports are to be forwarded to me.

I have been requested to bring to the attention of Synod the fact that the sessions do not all adopt the same rule in making out their reports. Some include all the names on the roll, while others include only the names of those who attend with some regularity on the ordinances, or who themselves support the ordinances or belong to families that do.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Sproull.

Mission Conference reported. Report was accepted and was referred to Committee on Missions and Finance.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table, and was taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Item 1.—Committee reported progress and was continued.

Item 2.—Committee reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Joint Revision of the Psalms.

Your committee would respectfully report:

That, owing to various causes, no meeting of the Joint Committee was held until April 8th, 1897, in Philadelphia; but that meeting was very encouraging. Five denominations were represented, and

all seemed to enter with great heartiness into the work. Two other Presbyterian bodies, not there represented, are known to be equally interested in this project. The work and process of revision were planned for and a sub-committee was appointed to begin the work. It is hoped that the revision will now be pushed forward, and that soon we may be able to report good results.

W. J. Coleman,
David McAllister,
D. B. Willson,
T. P. Stevenson,
Of the Committee.

Item 3.—The entire question of the Federation of the Churches was postponed indefinitely.

Item 4.—Attended to.

Item 5.—Attended to.

Item 6.—Clerk reported. Report was received. Question as to price of Minutes was referred to Committee on Finance. Report was adopted, and is as follows:

Printing Minutes 1896.

The Clerk would respectfully report:

That, charged with this work, he received from several printing establishments estimates for 1,000 copies, as per sample copy, Minutes 1895. Prices ranged from $395 to $289. The lowest figures were by J. W. Pratt & Son, the firm which printed the Revised Version of the Psalms, and which prints *Herald of Mission News.* They printed, bound and delivered the 1,000 copies for $289. The bill was cashed by Synod's Treasurer, Mr. John T. Morton.

According to Synod's direction, the Minutes were sold at twenty-five cents a copy.

Copies sold		807
" lost in mails and duplicates		11
" to Stated Clerk, Rev. J. W. Sproull		6
" on hand at date		176
Total		1,000
807 copies sold at twenty-five cents each		$201 75
To Treasurer, Mr. John T. Morton, July 16, '96	$125 00	
" " " " " " September 29, '96	62 50	
" " " " " " May 6, '97	14 25	
Total		$201 75
Whole outlay		$289 00
Whole income		201 75
Deficit		$87 25

The Clerk would recommend that selling price be made to include postage.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Foster, *Clerk.*

Item 7.—Attended to.

Item 8.—Selections of Psalms. Committee reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Selections of Psalms.

Your Committee on Selections of Psalms would respectfully report:

We have made seventy-five selections from the Revised Psalter, placing each under appropriate music. These selections are grouped under such headings as, "Adoration," "Confession," "The Kingdom of Christ," "Reforms." The book contains thirty-two pages of the size of those of the Psalter.

We have issued an edition of 10,000 copies. These can be had, without covers, at $1.75 a hundred, and with covers at $2.25 a hundred. The work has been electrotyped, and when this edition has been exhausted a second can be sold at still lower rates. Orders should be placed with Rev. W. J. Coleman, the second member of your committee. Carriage of books must in all cases be paid by the purchaser.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Shaw, W. J. Coleman,
David McAllister, T. C. Sproull.

Item 9.—No action.

Item 10.—Attended to.

Item 11.—Embodied in Report of Foreign Board.

Item 12.—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Item 13.—Treasurer John T. Morton was directed to turn over the surplus Traveling Fund, left in his hands last Synod, to Committee on Traveling Fund.

Item 14.—Laid on the table for the present.

Item 15.—Delegates to Alliance of Reformed Churches reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Alliance of Reformed Churches.

The undersigned, delegates to the 6th Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, respectfully report:

Of the four delegates, three were present, T. P. Stevenson, D. B. Willson, and Elder William Anderson; absent, Andrew Alexander. Mr. Anderson was early called home by the death of his business partner, Thomas Walker. The Council met at Glasgow, Wednesday, June 17, 1896, at 3:30 P. M., and adjourned finally, Friday evening, June 26, 1896. A service was held in the Cathedral, and communion also in the morning of the first day, but this was not the action of the Council, and it had no part in it as a Council.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts was President of the Council, D. B. Willson was a member of the Business Committee, and T. P. Stevenson was Chairman on the evening of Wednesday, June 24th, and is a member of the Western Executive Commission. The Psalms were exclusively used in the praise of God, but instrumental music was used at first, contrary to the understanding at the inception of the Alliance, and the custom hitherto, but was discontinued after attention was called to it by Prof. Dick, and the Business Committee had acted on the matter of its discontinuance, the Council approving its report.

The attendance was upwards of 300, all parts of the world being represented.

The time was mainly taken up with papers and addresses, prepared by assignment in advance. The range was extensive, embracing the subjects of One Church, Catechisms and Confessions, Presbyterianism, Church Services, Missions, Philosophy and Theology, Biblical Criticism, etc., etc. Dr. Dick read a paper under the fourth topic on Prayer. Dr. James Martin made one of the addresses on Foreign Mission Work.

The next Council is to be held in Washington, D. C., in September, 1899.

The proceedings of the 6th General Council have been published in book form, a volume of 480 pages, with an Appendix of 216 pages.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. Willson,
T. P. Stevenson,
Wm. Anderson.

Communication from the Executive Commission of the Alliance of Reformed Churches was taken from the table (Paper No. 15). T. P. Stevenson, representing the Alliance Executive, was heard.

The Clerk was directed to draw an order on the Literary Fund for $60, for the Alliance.

Appointment of delegates to next meeting of the Alliance was referred to Committee on Nominations.

Item 16.—Laid on table for the present.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table for the present.

Certificate of appointment of John T. Morton as representative of Synod's Board on floor of Synod was received.

Paper No. 16.—Communication from J. A. Thompson referred to Committee on Amity College.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, Synod adjourned to meet on Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by R. J. Dodds.

SAME PLACE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

Synod convened according to order, and the retiring Moderator, J. C. Smith, preached a sermon based on John 17 : 21 : "That they all may be one ; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us ; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Friday morning, May 28th, 1897. Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called. Geo. Kennedy, J. McCracken, T. C. Sproull, Solomon Kingston, Isaiah Faris, J. Ralston Wylie, T. H. Acheson, R. J. Dodds, William McKinney, D. S. Ervin, Hugh Woodburn, E.

Milroy, Robert Davis, D. Kilpatrick, did not answer. Nearly all soon appeared.

Minutes of Wednesday afternoon session were read and approved.

Ministers of various denominations were extended the courtesies of the floor.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

Theological Seminary.—D. C. Faris, P. P. Boyd, J. Ralston Wylie, Thompson O'Neill, J. C. Dodds.

Sustentation and Church Erection.—J. C. Smith, J. W. Dill, James Patton, Adam Walkinshaw, William Pollock.

Supplies.—J. Renwick Wylie, J. S. Thompson, Thomas Patton, James Bell, R. J. Ward.

COMMITTEES ON THE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Lakes.—Samuel McNaugher, G. M. Robb, J. M. Faris, H. A. Young, Robert Johnston.

Colorado.—T. C. Sproull, T. J. Allen, G. R. McBurney, W. J. Poole, Robert Davis.

Illinois.—H. G. Foster, P. H. Wylie, R. A. Paden, M. L. McGlade, Joseph McKnight.

New York.—A. J. McFarland, Sr., T. H. Walker, Charles Clyde, Wm. McKinney, Thomas Nelson.

Rochester.—R. J. George, S. M. Stevenson, I. Faris, W. R. Curry, T. G. Dunn.

Ohio.—Wm. McFarland, B. M. Sharpe, R. J. McIsaac, J. L. Ewing, J. McCartney.

Philadelphia.—E. M. Coleman, J. W. F. Carlisle, H. H. George, David Henderson, William Pollock.

Pittsburgh.—S. G. Shaw, W. C. Paden, W. C. Allen, Robert Thompson, J. S. Wylie.

Iowa.—Thomas McFall, R. C. Reed, W. S. Fulton, William Shaw, E. W. Hosack.

N. Brunswick & Nova Scotia.—J. C. French, G. A. Edgar, P. P. Boyd, A. W. Hunter, John Aikin.

Kansas.—G. P. Raitt, R. C. Allen, R. J. Dodds, J. R. Wilson, J. H. McBurney.

Syrian.—R. J. Gault, S. J. Crowe, J. R. Baird, D. G. McKee, James Bell.

Vermont.—J. Ralston Wylie, J. L. McCartney, J. B. Gilmore, D. Kilpatrick, S. M. Orr.

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 17.—Letter from the Synod of Scotland.

Letter was read and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Synod's Board of Trustees reported. Report was read and was referred to Committee on Finance.

A Certificate showing that the Rev. John Alford, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, had been appointed Corresponding Delegate to the Synod, was read. Mr. Alford was recognized, and the time for hearing him was fixed as the first order of the day this (Friday) afternoon.

Paper No. 18.—Communication from Board of Trustees of the Third New York Congregation. Paper was read and was referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 19.—Communication from Walter T. Miller. Communication was read and was referred to a special committee.

Paper No. 20.—Complaint and appeal of R. F. Boyd against Lakes Presbytery. Papers were received and were referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 21.—Complaint against Lakes Presbytery by the Clerk of said Presbytery. Papers were received and were referred to Committee on Discipline.

Committee, consisting of David McAllister, J. M. Foster and B. M. Thompson, was appointed to report on the death of J. B. Williams.

The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association extended a cordial invitation to the Synod to visit the Home for the Aged.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Women's Association of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, having invited this Synod to visit the Home for the Aged People at Allegheny City, Pa., we thank them for this kind invitation, hoping that many of the delegates will be able to find time to visit this worthy institution.

We also desire to record our appreciation of the loving and energetic efforts of these women on behalf of God's aged ones, entitled to sympathy and support, and most heartily commend it to the Church for remembrance in our prayers and our financial support, and urge the women of all our congregations to enroll themselves as members of this association.

Copy of sermon, preached by the retiring Moderator, was requested for publication.

Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and Finance.

Trustees of Geneva College reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and Finance.

Board of Church Erection and Sustentation reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation.

The hour for Devotional Exercises having arrived, Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M.

Prayer by John Hunter.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M. Court came to order and was opened with prayer by John Angus.

Roll was called. A. W. Hunter, Hugh Woodburn, S. G. Connar, Joseph McKnight, Thomas Nelson, did not answer, but nearly all soon appeared.

A. Kilpatrick and D. Kilpatrick were, on account of sickness in the home, excused.

Minutes of Friday morning session were read and approved.

Rev. John Alford, delegate representing the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, was heard. He extended, in the name of the General Synod, an invitation to participate in the Memorial exercises commemorating the centennial of the reorganization of the Reformed Presbytery in America.

This invitation was referred to a special committee.

Committee on Nominations reported in part. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Proposed Convention in 1899.—Ministers, C. D. Trumbull, R. J. George, R. C. Montgomery; Elders, John Aikin, William Anderson.

Special Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.—Ministers, D. B. Willson, R. M. Sommerville, J. C. McFeeters; Elders, D. S. Ervin, James McCartney.

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 23.—Communication from Seattle Congregation. Paper was read and was referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 24.—Petition with reference to National Reform. Paper was read and was referred to a special committee.

Board of Foreign Missions reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Missions.

Central Board reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Missions and Finance.

Request for aid from Ryegate was referred to Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 14 was adopted.

Item 16.—Committee on Western College reported. Report was received, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Western College.

The committee to which was referred the question of establishing a college in the West, under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and specially to ascertain the sentiment of our Western congregations with reference to the matter, would respectfully report:

The propositions of Clarinda and La Junta, submitted to Synod last year, have not been formally renewed, and no new proposition has been received. The Board of Trustees of Amity College, College Springs, Iowa, has renewed its proposition to transfer its title and franchise of Amity College to the Reformed Presbyterian

Church, on condition that Synod obligate itself to add $50,000 to the endowment fund within fifteen years, and to add $2,000 annually to the income of the College until the $50,000 is raised. This proposition was submitted to all the congregations of the Western Presbyteries, asking action as to the question of acceptance. Replies have been received from a majority of the congregations, including all the largest and ablest in a financial way. Some returned a negative answer, and gave no reasons. Others expressed favor, in a general way, yet were unwilling to promise to raise their proportion of the money required at the present time. The reasons given are summed up in the following from one of the congregations: "The stringency of the times, the many schemes of the Church demanding increased aid, and the overburdened state of our treasuries." Only one congregation pledged itself to raise its proportion of the amount.

In view of the above facts, your committee recommend that the proposition of the Board of Trustees of Amity College be respectfully declined.

The paper of Rev. J. A. Thompson, referred to your committee, asks Synod to make an offer to the Board as to terms on which the Synod would accept the management of the College.

Your committee is not prepared to recommend any action.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull,
D. H. Coulter,
David Boyd,
D. G. McKee,
J. S. Bell,
} *Committee.*

The committee was continued for further negotiations.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Unfinished Business.

Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report the following items:

1. Committee on Religious Literature in School Books: J. M. Foster, ch.; Minutes, p. 6.
2. Committee on Joint Revision of the Psalms: W. J. Coleman, ch.; p. 7.
3. Committee on Federation of the Churches: R. M. Sommerville, ch.; p. 7.
4. New Statistical Blanks. Clerk; p. 8.
5. Greetings to General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. D. McAllister; p. 16.
6. Printing 1,000 copies Minutes 1896. Clerk; p. 59.
7. Committee on Testimony Bearing to issue 3,000 copies of Report on Secret Societies: W. J. Coleman, ch.; p. 37.
8. Committee to provide Selections of Psalms: S. G. Shaw, ch.; p. 126.
9. "Mammoth Sabbath Petition." Officers of Synod; p. 124.

10. Central Board Interim Committee of Supplies : J. W. Sproull, ch. ; p. 127.

11. Memorial from Syrian Presbytery with reference to Baptism. Foreign Board. R. M. Sommerville, *cor. sec.;* p. 129.

12. Memorials from Sharon and Morning Sun ; p. 128.

13. Surplus Iowa Traveling Fund, with Treasurer John T. Morton ; p. 129.

14. The printed Minutes, 1896, are correct, except on p. 1, dele Ramsey and insert Almonte ; on p. 2 place * after T. A. McElwain ; raise H. M. Pollock half a space ; dele McKeesport, and place names of B. M. Sharpe and R. J. Gault in list of unsettled ministers below. On page 3 place name of J. M. Faris as pastor of New Concord. On same page remove name of E. G. Elsey from place opposite Church Hill, and place name opposite Lake Reno. On same page place name of T. H. Acheson in list of unsettled ministers, Iowa Presbytery. On p. 2 read Brook*land;* p. 4, to ministers absent add N. R. Johnston, J. L. McCartney ; to congregations not represented add North Union, Tabor, Rehoboth (Pa.), Hickory Grove, Middletown, McKeesport and Monongahela, Eldainey, Latakia and Jendairia ; and remove from the list Middle Wheeling, Quinter and Sylvania. On p. 5, read *T.* C. Sproull ; p. 10, W. *A.* Hervey ; p. 11, *G.* P. Raitt. On p. 15, under "Ayes," read Mitchell, D. S. ; and under "Nays" read Mitchell, A. M. On p. 17, read *J.* W. Sproull ; p. 33, John T. Morton ; p. 47, J. *W.* Sproull ; p. 47, second line, read Corpora*tors.* On last line, p. 53, add W. M. Glasgow. On p. 59, read in list J. *M.* Wylie. On p. 68, on ninth line, in footing, read 98 cents. On p. 71, in footing, eighteenth line, read 61 cents. On p. 99, third line, read *J.* F. Crozier. In correction of Minutes, last year, p. 23, item 9, read $685.46.

15. Report of Delegates to Alliance of Reformed Churches. D. B. Willson, ch.

16. Committee on Western College.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Foster.
J. A. Black.

Committee on National Reform reported. Report was received and was taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Item 1.—While under discussion, the hour for adjournment arrived, with R. J. George on the floor.

Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by R. J. George.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, 9 o'clock Saturday morning, May 29th, 1897. Synod came to order, and was constituted with prayer by J. A. Black.

Roll was called. J. W. F. Carlisle, S. G. Connar, J. C. Dodds, David Edgar, A. W. Hunter, Robinson Johnston, T. Moore, J. P. McClurkin, R. J. McIsaac, R. C. Reed, T. P. Stevenson, H. A. Young, W. R. Wallace, did not answer, but most of whom soon appeared.

Minutes of Friday afternoon session were read and approved.

Vermont Presbytery was relieved from paying the traveling fund of Topsham Congregation, as said congregation is disorganized.

Bill for printing Selections of Psalms was presented and was referred to Committee on Finance.

J. W. Dill and J. Ralston Wylie were added to Committee on Western College.

Paper No. 25.—Charges against David McAllister. Paper was received and was referred to Committee on Discipline.

Committee on Secret Societies reported. Report was received and adopted. This Report and Report on same subject 1895 were recommended to Committee on Testimony Bearing in their preparation of tract on the subject.

Secret Societies.

Among the devices of the Devil for maintaining and strengthening his hold upon mankind no one is more effective than secret-oath-bound societies. In the development of this policy of secret associations, he has skillfully planned to bring every class under its control. He has orders whose leading characteristics are religious, while in others the prominent feature is political, or industrial, or protective, or social. Along with the prominent feature one or more of the others are generally blended. And besides this, every attractive and fascinating element is arranged and combined with consummate art.

There is a recognition of a divinity, a form of religion, costly temples, and a show of worship; there is the appearance of great goodness of aim in the proposed better securing of brotherhood, fellowship, mutual help and charity; there are high-sounding titles, showy regalia, public and pompous parade, imposing convocations, and sumptuous banquets.

But the *divinity* recognized is not necessarily the true God, the *religion* at best is mongrel and false, the gorgeous *temples* are often the chambers of cruelty and conspiracy, and the *worship* is a loathsome abomination in the sight of God.

The boasted claim of *superior goodness* is not supported by the facts; the *brotherhood*, while no truer than Christ enjoined, unlike His, is confined to the oath-bound fraternity—all outside this narrow circle are regarded as strangers and foreigners; the *fellowship*, being often with the immoral and vicious, is not so likely to be uplifting and purifying, as it is to be degrading and demoralizing, and the *mutual help* and *charity* are only the refinement of selfishness.

The number, extent and influence of secret societies are well stated in an article by a prominent Freemason in the May number of the *North American Review*. In this, he shows that there are in the United States over fifty distinct secret orders, with over 70,000 lodges, and 5,500,000 members. This does not include members of the various labor organizations, and 500,000 members of secret military orders, as the G. A. R., and those connected with college secret fraternities. These numbers will not include as many persons, since one man is often a member of two or more societies, but it is safe to say that in all there are fully 6,000,000 persons in this country held in the coils of Secretism.

At the close of the War of the Rebellion the principle of secret associations came into great favor, many new orders were originated. For the past twenty years the increase of membership has been extraordinarily great, and the already enormous secret power in this nation is still being annually augmented at the rate of nearly 300,000 members.

This writer, in referring to the matter of selfishness in the lodge, makes this frank admission: "The broad, rich acres of man's selfishness are nowhere more carefully fertilized, tended, tilled and reaped than in the lodge-room."

After stating that, "for mere personal gratification, aside from any real or imaginary benefits, the members of the various secret organizations in the United States spend annually in costly banquets, elaborate uniforms, and other wholly unnecessary expenses connected with the fraternities, not less than $250,000,000," he adds, "it would all but revolutionize a large section of American society if the wives and daughters of the households of the men who belong to these organizations should insist on their right to spend for their own adornment, or for their own personal pleasure, dollar for dollar spent by husband or brother for initiation fees and dues, uniforms and regalia, swords, plumes, banners and banquets."

In further reference to the hindrance to home happiness growing out of connection with secret societies, this author makes this strong statement: "One does not trifle with truth in saying that no human gauge can measure the sorrow that comes to some families through the too close attention of husband and father to the lodge-room."

Again, the influence of secret societies may well be feared in the State. Their oaths show them to be well fitted to shield criminals, and prevent the administration of justice. The highest Masonic authority has declared that the obligation to render aid in imminent peril is not cancelled by even such crimes as murder and treason. The principle of submission and obedience, involving the surrender of private judgment, renders a Mason who fully respects his Masonic obligations an element of danger in society, whether he be a judge, juryman or witness. It is noteworthy that the lamentable increase of crime, and failure in the execution of the law in our land, is simultaneous with the abnormal increase in the number and membership of secret societies. There is much in the nature and working of secret associations to lead to the conviction that there is a close connection between the recent wide development of the principle of these organizations and the alarming increase of unpunished outrage and crime.

But the gravest charge against secret societies is found in the fact that because of the peculiar fascination and powerful attraction of the lodge, it has a strong tendency to induce men to accept it as their Church, and make its standards and laws their guide of right conduct. Hence, secret societies are dread rivals of the Church of Christ. Here may be found in good part the explanation of the fact that Christian churches are filled so largely with women and children. When the attraction of a lodge is so great that a Church member will abandon his Church, rather than the lodge, it is easy to see how men remain outside of the Church, while at the same time they are striving to reach the greatest number of degrees in Secretism.

We recommend:

1. That Presbyteries be enjoined to exercise the utmost vigilance and fidelity in licensing and ordaining ministers, to see that they are in full accord with the distinctive position of our Church respecting secret societies.

2. That Sessions be required to exercise the same strict care in admitting applicants for membership in the Church, and to give the right hand of fellowship to no one who is known to be a member of any secret order, or who cannot heartily accept this part of our testimony.

3. That Pastors be urged to give the advocacy of the truth respecting the great evil of Secretism and the necessity of complete separation from its worldly and sinful companionship, a prominent place in their preaching, and that they also improve every opportunity offered in providence for exposing and warning against this device of the Devil.

4. That parents earnestly co-operate in this important work, by setting before their children, as they are able, the reasons for our distinctive position respecting secret societies, and by procuring for them such standard literature on the subject as will enable them early in life to reach an intelligent, sound and fixed judgment as to the sin and evil of Secretism.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. McFarland,
Isaiah Faris,
R. J. Gault,
Wm. M. George.

Committee on the Sabbath reported. Report was received and was recommitted to be cut down.

Committee on Psalmody reported. Report was received, and was taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Item 1 was amended and adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was stricken out.

Item 4.—While item 4 was under discussion the hour for devotional exercises arrived, and Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Committee on Nominations made report in part. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Special Communication concerning National Reform.—Ministers, James A. Black, R. C. Wylie, J. McCracken; Elders, J. A. McAteer, John Hunter.

Rule was suspended and time for opening Monday morning session was fixed at 9:30 o'clock.

S. G. Connar was granted leave of absence for remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod adjourned until Monday morning, 9:30 o'clock.

Prayer by T. C. Sproull.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, 9:30, Monday morning, May 31, 1897. Synod was called to order by the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer by R. C. Wylie.

Roll was called. W. C. Allen, P. P. Boyd, J. F. Crozier, J. M. Douthett, David Edgar, E. G. Elsey, J. R. Latimer, M. L. McGlade, J. A. McAteer, J. B. McIsaac, John Robinson, J. C. Smith, J. R. Willson, J. S. Wylie, T. H. Walker, P. H. Wylie, J. Ralston Wylie, J. Renwick Wylie, H. A. Young, W. R. Wallace, did not answer. Nearly all soon appeared.

Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Systematic Beneficence.

The obligation to contribute to the financial support of the Lord's cause is one of the plainest of Bible teachings. By approved examples, by positive precepts, by the giving of a systematic plan, by promises, by warnings, this duty is repeatedly and solemnly set forth.

For sixteen years we have had a standing committee on Systematic Beneficence, whose annual reports have been designed to educate the people in this matter. A careful study of statistical reports for a quarter of a century shows that but little progress has been made.

In exhorting Christians to abound in this grace, the following Scripture truths are urged:

1. Our material interests are involved. We are slow to make a practical use of the truth that the Lord gives bountifully to those who give bountifully to His cause. This is not the highest of reasons for giving, but it is one that has much practical force. We should not hesitate to use a plea so often used by the Spirit of God. Our neglect of it may be one reason of partial failure to develop the grace of liberality. Christians need to learn that their financial prosperity is conditioned upon faithfulness in the use of the Lord's money, and if economy begins at the house of God so also does judgment. No believer in Scripture can reasonably doubt that the wide-spread and long-continued financial distress, accompanied by appalling disasters involving the destruction of vast sums of accumulated wealth, is partly because of unfaithfulness in the use of property.

In the matter of money-getting no less than in the matter of soul-saving, we are workers together with God. There is a divine as well as a human side in every calling. There is no success without God. "It is He that giveth thee power to get wealth." He, therefore, claims a share of our increase and conditions His cooperation and blessing upon the payment of it. His word upon this matter is full and plain.

To the command of the people of Israel to pay tithes was linked the promise, "that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hand which thou doest." The following Scriptures teach the same truth: Prov. 3:9; 10:22; 11:24; Mal. 3:8–12.

2. Our spiritual interests are involved. It requires grace to use wealth properly. Its use is a test of our spiritual condition. Giving to the Lord is itself a grace. To give freely and willingly is a means of growing in grace. Augustine says: "In a certain way the Lord wishes us to be merchantmen. He makes an exchange with us. We give what abounds here, we receive what abounds there. We give earth and receive heaven. We give the temporal and receive the eternal. We give things corruptible and receive the immortal. Lastly, we give what God has bestowed and receive God Himself. Let us not then be slothful in such a commerce as this. Let us not continue poor." Paul enjoins that those who have been made partakers of spiritual things, should minister unto their teachers in carnal things. He commands that, as we abound in other graces, we should abound in this grace also. (II. Cor. 8:7.)

3. The sincerity of our profession is involved. If we truly believe what we profess, gratitude to God for benefits received, desire for the welfare of men, interest in the success of Christianity, zeal for the honor of God and His Son Jesus Christ, will lead to the systematic and liberal support of the gospel. The intermittent feature by which much of the giving of the present time is characterized is not indicative of spiritual health. Many people without grace and without great principles to maintain can be moved to give spasmodically by special and touching appeals, but Christians who are conscious of the value of their principles and of the greatness of the cause they support, will pour a constant stream of funds into the treasury of the Lord. A mere statement of the need of money is sufficient to call forth a liberal response. In the account of the great revival recorded in II. Chronicles, thirtieth and thirty-first chapters, we are told that one result was the prompt payment of tithes so that the priests had plenty and a great store left, for the Lord blessed His people. No urging was needed, but the people responded as soon as the command was given. May the Lord send us such a revival.

4. Faithfulness in the use of abilities and entrusted talents is involved. In the Lord's service there is a place for all kinds of abilities, physical, mental, moral and spiritual, and for all kinds of talents, educational, social and financial. There is a place for money which nothing but money can fill. Wealth and the ability to get wealth are of God no less than the ability to do evangelistic, missionary and reform work. This talent, therefore, should be consecrated to God as unreservedly as any other.

5. The equalizing of religious burdens is involved. Having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether the gifts of teaching or getting wealth, we are to use them for God. (Rom. 12: 6–8.) It is not right that those having one class of gifts be eased and those having another burdened. Whatever our gifts we are to use them to the extent of our ability. God's word fixes the minimum of financial ability at one-tenth of the increase. Many can and should give far more. Financial obligation to the Lord is bounded on the minimum side by the law of the tenth, on the maximum side by the degree of prosperity and the exigencies of the hour.

6. The principle of co-operation in Christian work is involved. We have fellowship with God and Christian brethren in our gifts of

money. Our college and theological seminary were founded to equip ministers, missionaries and reformers for their work. Their number is increasing faster than are the means for their support. Has the Head of the Church made a mistake in calling so many men into His service just now? Is He not calling on Christians to co-operate with Him and these laborers by their gifts?

Government statistics show that the average income of all the men, women and children in this country is fifty-five cents a day. A tenth of this is twenty dollars a year. The rule for obtaining the numerical strength of the Church is to multiply the number of communicants by two. To keep in safe bounds let us multiply our membership by one and one-half. This will give 15,000. Twenty dollars a year for each amounts to $300,000. For the past quarter of a century our gifts have averaged only eighteen dollars for each communicant. With a membership of 10,000 this amounts to $180,000. For the past two years we have averaged $16.47. On the most favorable calculation possible, our people are not giving more than one-seventeenth, and almost certainly not more than one-twentieth of their increase. We should have an annual contribution of at least $100,000 more than is given. We should employ a hundred more laborers in the home and foreign mission fields and in the cause of reform.

We are debtors to every nation still in darkness. This obligation has reference, first of all, to the generation now living, and to the causes now in progress, not to the generations yet unborn, and to the causes yet to be inaugurated. We can best discharge our duties to the future by discharging them to the present. While not refusing gifts and bequests, only the interest of which can be applied to practical work, we urge that giving for immediate use is the duty of every one entrusted with the Lord's money. We should be more anxious than we are to meet our obligations to the present, and less concerned about endowing the institutions of the future.

Finally, the rights of God are involved. Both we and our money belong to God. The recognition of God's claim is essential to the right use of any power or possession. The example of the Macedonian Christians recorded in II. Corinthians 8:1–5, shows that the act of giving ourselves to the Lord precedes the act of giving our money to the extent of our ability. To remind us of our obligation to Him, God has reserved the seventh of our time and the tenth of our increase. Other days and parts of days will be spent in worship by those who keep the Sabbath; other tenths and parts of tenths will be given as free-will offerings by those who pay the Lord's tenth. No one uses time properly who does not keep holy the Sabbath. No one uses his possessions properly who does not pay the tenth. Let God's claim, therefore, be acknowledged. In the language of Bishop Hall, "Well may we think our substance due where we owe ourselves."

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That God's financial plan be made the subject of study in the pulpit, the prayer-meeting, the Sabbath school, missionary and young people's societies.

2. That the present exigency requires that all should give liberally for the immediate use of the Church.

3. That the manifold blessings attending systematic and liberal contributions to Christ's cause be emphasized by ministers and teachers.

4. That each Session be advised to appoint a Committee on Systematic Beneficence, whose duty it shall be to develop by all proper means the beneficence of the congregation.

5. That Synod's Committee on Systematic Beneficence be instructed to adopt measures for increasing the liberality of the whole Church, such as corresponding with the committees in congregations and directing them to literature on the subject.

R. C. Wylie,
R. M. Sommerville,
H. P. McClurkin,
Thomas Johnston,
Robert Speer,
} *Committee.*

Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. Report was accepted. Discussions were limited to three minutes.

Hour for Devotional Exercises arrived, with J. McCracken on the floor.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M.

Prayer by Hugh Scott.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by S. M. Orr.

Roll was called. H. G. Foster, George Kennedy, Joseph McKnight, J. A. McAteer, Thompson O'Neill, J. R. Willson and J. S. Wylie did not answer, but nearly all soon appeared.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Committee on Request of Walter T. Miller on Transfer of Board of Sustentation reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Special Committee on Sustentation.

The special committee to report on Paper No. 20 respectfully submit the following:

This paper is a request from Mr. W. T. Miller, of New York City, Treasurer of the Board of Sustentation and Church Erection, asking that it be transferred to a more central part of the Church than New York, and giving reasons for the change.

This request was before Synod in 1895, and the committee to consider it unanimously reported adversely.

Your committee now recommend:

1. That the members of the Central Board of Missions be constituted as Synod's Sustentation Board, to take the place of the present members of the Board in New York, and that the Treasurer of Synod be chosen Treasurer of the Sustentation Board.

2. That the thanks of Synod be given to the brethren in New York who have attended to this business, especially to the Secretary, Rev. F. M. Foster, and to the Treasurer, W. T. Miller.

3. That no change be made in the matter of the Board of Church Erection.

4. That as the growing duties of his work for the Church unduly draw upon Mr. Miller's time, that he be authorized to employ clerical work at a cost of two and a half per cent., to be paid out of the current funds that he handles as Treasurer of Church Erection and Foreign Mission Funds. Respectfully submitted,

D. B. Willson, Chairman,
R. M. Sommerville,
J. C. McFeeters,
D. S. Ervin,
James McCartney,
} *Committee.*

Committee on Nominations were asked to name a Railroad Committee to look after rates for next Synod.

The credentials of the Rev. W. I. Wishart, delegate representing the Assembly Committee of the Young People's Christian Union of the United Presbyterian Church, were presented to Synod. Rev. W. I. Wishart was introduced and extended an invitation, through Synod, to the young people of the Church to join in the Convention to be held in Indianapolis, August 18–23.

Committee on Nominations were directed to name a committee to consider the invitation.

Reports of Presbyteries.

Pittsburgh, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Illinois, Ohio, N. B. & N. S., Philadelphia, New York, Vermont and Lakes reported. Reports were received and were referred to Committee on Presbyterial Reports, Supplies and Finance; and such as made mention of Reformed Presbyterian Convention, 1899, to special committee which have the subject under consideration.

Collection for janitor of the church was lifted.

Committee on Discipline reported. Report was received and taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Item 1 was amended and adopted.

Item 2.—Complaint of P. P. Boyd against the Lakes Presbytery. The complaint was referred to a Commission of Synod, consisting of seven members, to adjudicate and report at this meeting of Synod.

Item 3.—Complaint and appeal of R. F. Boyd were referred to the same Commission.

Item 4.—Charges preferred by D. B. Willson against David McAllister. This item was referred to a Committee on Conference, consisting of nine members, to report at this meeting of Synod.

Committee on Nominations were directed to nominate said Commission of seven and said Conference Committee of nine.

Report of Committee of Discipline was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Committee of Discipline.

Your committee would respectfully report:

Papers have been referred to us as follows:

First. The memorials with reference to the use of tokens, laid over from last Synod.

We concur in the recommendation of the committee, last year, and recommend the adoption of the following:

Inasmuch as the use of tokens is not a part of the Sacrament of the Supper, we recommend that their use be left to the discretion of individual Sessions, with due regard to the peace of our congregations.

It is understood that this action in no way affects the doctrine and practice of the Church in the matter of close communion.

Second. Complaint of P. P. Boyd against Lakes Presbytery.

The papers are regular and ready for the action of the court.

Third. Complaint and appeal of R. F. Boyd against Lakes Presbytery.

Mr. Boyd is not able to be present, but requests that Rev. J. McCracken be allowed to act for him in his appeal to Synod. The papers are regular and ready for the action of the court.

Fourth. Charges preferred by D. B. Willson against D. McAllister, referred by Pittsburgh Presbytery to Synod. The papers are regular and ready for the action of the court.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull,
J. McCracken,
T. H. Acheson,
John Hunter,
D. G. McKee.

Report of Committee on National Reform was taken from the table.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Item 4.—While item 4 was under discussion the hour for adjournment arrived, with D. McAllister on the floor.

Committee on Nominations made report in part. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Nominations.

Committee to consider invitation to United Presbyterian Young People's Convention.—Ministers, Isaiah Faris, J. W. Sproull, J. S. Martin; Elders, D. S. Ervin, S. M. Orr.

Commission to issue the complaint against Lakes Presbytery.—Ministers, D. H. Coulter, A. Kilpatrick, S. G. Shaw, W. J. Coleman; Elders, J. A. McAteer, Robinson Johnston, A. F. Kennedy.

Committee of Conference, Item 4, Committee of Discipline.—Ministers, S. R. Wallace, C. D. Trumbull, J. M. Faris, P. H. Wylie, J. A. Black; Elders, Charles McElhinney, W. R. Curry, J. R. Willson, William Anderson.

Synod adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by G. P. Raitt.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning, June 1, 1897.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by W. J. Coleman.

Roll was called. Carlisle, J. C. Dodds, George Kennedy, T. Moore, Morrison and J. M. Wylie did not answer, but nearly all soon appeared.

Minutes of Monday afternoon session were read and approved.

The action of Synod in appointing a Railroad Committee of *one* was reconsidered, and the matter was recommitted.

Rochester Presbytery reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Presbyterial Reports, Finance and Supplies.

Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. Report was accepted and was taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was amended and adopted.

Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Testimony Bearing.

When, on the motion of Dr. Thomas Sproull, in the Synod of 1888, the Committee on Testimony Bearing was first appointed, its main object seemed to be to excite our own people to a more faithful and intelligent maintenance of the truth committed to our keeping. The venerable mover, in drafting the first report, calls upon us to resolve against uniting with churches that allow their members to identify with this nation in its practical rejection of the claims of Christ, as King; to refrain, as witnesses for Christ's regal authority, from such identification, and enjoins on sessions the duty of seeing that the members of their respective congregations do not unite with the Government, and on Presbyteries the duty of inquiring of sessions in regard to their performance of this duty, and of reporting the same to the Synod. In a closing resolution, our ministers are urged to set forth our testimony in all proper ways against this nation as disloyal to Christ, its King, to warn it of its danger, and to call it to repentance and reformation. The report points out no source from which it was thought defection might come, but the foresight of the mover was amply justified when three years later the Church was compelled to engage in a struggle for life with those who seemed determined to break down her discipline and nullify her testimony.

In the forward movement made in 1892, when to this purpose of holding fast our testimony was added an organized effort to hold it forth—an effort to provide the means and to mark out a method by which this testimony might be made known to the Christian world around us—the original object of the committee was not neglected nor lost sight of. It was believed that active work in bearing witness for the truth would be the best means to interest our people in the truth. As soon as they begin to teach it to others, they will be obliged to study it for themselves, and so become acquainted with the unmovable foundation upon which it stands. Our distinctive principles are so unpopular, so much opposed to the liberal tendencies of our times, that nothing but a well-grounded and intelligent conviction of their truth will enable any one to make head against the tide.

Your committee has not conceived of the work required of them in any narrow sense. As a committee it has no separate policy of its own, but has believed that with regard to the subject on which testimony was to be borne it should be as broad in its presentation of the truth as are the principles of the Church which it represents. The resolutions of 1892, providing for the active work entered upon by this committee, declare that the means contributed to this work of Testimony Bearing are to be used "in advocating complete loyalty to Christ on the part both of the nation and of the individual citizen." Indeed, it is impossible to point out the duty of the individual citizen until the duty of the nation is made clear. It is because of the nation's failure to recognize Christ, that the Christian citizen should separate himself from the Government which it has set up.

The literature issued by the committee has accepted this wide range of argument as a necessity, and has issued tracts on the Christless character of the Constitution, on "Christ Jesus, King of Nations," and on "Social Covenanting."

Tracts on purity in the worship of God, against the use of instruments of music and hymns of human composition, as well as against secret societies, have been issued by the committee, with the sanction of the Synod. In all parts of the Church are members who are sending for supplies of this literature, and they are doing a good work for their Master's cause in distributing these arguments for His rights. The committee has spent all the money it could spare for the purpose in sending out these arguments to our brethren who preach the Gospel in other churches.

Dr. McFarland has continued his work throughout the year, and has found constant opportunity to present the testimony of the Church. That his is not an easy task may be inferred from the fact that so few seek to supplement his labors by taking part in them. On this account he deserves our cordial support, and should be followed by our prayers. His work is a good test of the principles and tendencies of the people whom he meets. As the Gentiles were sometimes more ready to hear of Christ than were the Jews, so it has often been found easier to gain a hearing for this testimony and an assent to its truth from those who never heard it before, than from those who have been face to face with it all their lives.

Your committee would submit for the approval of the Synod the following recommendations:

1. That all our members be exhorted to a diligent study of their covenant obligations, with an effort to fulfill them so consistently as to give force and value to the testimony which they bear by their profession against those who, in Church or State, neglect the claims of Christ as our King.

2. That sessions be enjoined to see that the members of their respective congregations do not identify themselves with our Government, which is in a state of practical rebellion against Christ, that they give encouragement to every member to hold fast his profession without wavering, and that, if necessary, they apply kindly but firmly the discipline of the Church, and that Presbyteries also be enjoined to see that sessions do their duty in this regard, and that Presbyteries be enjoined to require, on the part of persons to be

licensed or ordained, an unequivocal assent to the distinctive principles of our Church.

3. That the ministers of the Church be urged to bear a public testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ as King, not only in their pulpits, but to seek opportunity elsewhere—that they go everywhere preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.

4. That our people be encouraged to send for and circulate literature setting forth the rights of Christ as our nation's King, that they may aid in doing a great and patriotic work and free themselves from our nation's sin.

5. That Dr. A. J. McFarland be reappointed to the work of Testimony Bearing, with the same salary as before.

6. That our people be encouraged to contribute liberally for the support of this cause.

W. J. Coleman,
John T. Morton,
R. J. Gault,
O. Wylie,
J. B. McIsaac.

The collection, the amount of, and time for lifting, were referred to Committee on Finance.

Taking from the table Report of Committee on the Sabbath, and hearing Dr. Hathaway, Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, were made the first order of the day for this (Tuesday) afternoon.

Report on National Reform was taken from the table.

Item 4.—Remarks were limited, in discussion of this Report, to three minutes. The previous question was moved and was carried.

Item 4 was adopted.

Synod's Financial Agent, in connection with the Report, made report. Report was referred to Committee on Finance.

Report on National Reform was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

National Reform.

"God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:9–11.)

"And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords." (Rev. 19:16.)

"His name shall endure forever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in Him: all nations shall call Him blessed." (Ps. 72:17.)

"Happy is that people that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord." (Ps. 144:15.)

To bring our nation into covenant relation with God, by so amending its Constitution as to harmonize with the truths and principles of these and other Scriptures, has been the high and steady aim and faithful endeavor of the National Reform Association.

These principles have been summarily embodied in the proposed

form of Christian amendment to the National Constitution, that has been kept to the front all along the line of National Reform work.

This work has been and must continue to be largely a work of education in the Bible principles of civil government, uncompromisingly advocating the Christian theory of government, as opposed to the secular theory that is entrenched in the National Constitution.

Among the important agencies in prosecuting this education we indicate:

1. Abundance of sound National Reform literature judiciously distributed.
2. Agitation and advocacy of the reform by laborers in the field.
3. Holding institutes and conventions, discussing all phases of the reform, pressing upon the nation its high duty of loyalty to God, and its peril in failing to render due homage to Him.
4. Enlisting the interest and co-operation of all the churches in securing Christian citizenship and Christian government.
5. By petitions enforced by arguments to Congress and Legislatures, demanding a full recognition of Christ's regal claims.

The faithful maintenance and advocacy of all the principles, truths and duties embraced in this reformation is the attitude of high allegiance to God and purest patriotism to country.

In the prominence given to the principles of Christian citizenship, especially by Young People's Societies, in the advancing organization and efforts of Christian Citizen Leagues, there is a manifest awakening to a sense of our country's duty and danger, and a quickening of the Christian conscience.

However sincere and valuable these efforts at reformation may be, so long as they only seek to purify the streams of practical politics while the fountain in the secular constitution remains corrupt, they must be incomplete and inefficient.

Repentance must precede reformation. The nation must bow and kiss the Son.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The only laborer employed on salary by the Association the past year is Dr. H. H. George, Field Secretary.

His summary of work shows that some 75,000 envelopes filled with short and pertinent tracts were sent out last fall to that many ministers in the country.

After that he went to Chicago to work up the convention.

A joint convention of the National Reform Association and the Christian Citizens' League was held, occupying two days.

Important seed was sown in the preliminary work.

The programme embraced important fundamental and practical themes that were ably discussed in lectures and papers. The attendance was fairly good.

After the convention Dr. George went to Washington, D. C., to look after the Christian Amendment, but found Congress too much absorbed in politics to secure attention.

A number of representatives from the Southern States were interviewed, and many expressed sentiment largely favorable to the Amendment and to Congress taking action upon it.

Dr. George reports the public mind never more open to consider the question; that he has large audiences at his public meetings, and a very general acquiescence in the duty of the nation to accept Christ and His law.

Prof. J. R. Dill has continued throughout the year to prosecute, with unabated zeal and energy, National Reform work along the line of his original plan of institutes under the auspices of the Executive Committee, which contributes ten dollars an institute for expenses, he receiving collections as his salary.

He reports that he has been greatly blessed of God during the year's work.

One hundred and fifty-three public meetings have been held.

Twenty-three institutes have been conducted. His estimated aggregate audience for the year is about 25,000.

About 100 churches have been reached and as many ministers have been won into greater friendship to the cause of reformation.

Owing to stringency of the times, his net salary amounted only to $489.19.

The institute is an important method of thorough educational work, comprising a series of lectures covering about a week, rotating in the different churches in the community.

The *Christian Statesman* has been supplied to college students to the extent of 25,000 copies.

Arrangements have been partially made for a National Convention, to be held in Philadelphia in the coming fall or winter.

The Treasurer's report will show a total amount of contributions for the year of $5,979.89, which is very gratifying considering our times.

Your committee is persuaded that the signs of the times indicate that this reform, which has been prominent in the Church's work for more than a quarter of a century, must be carried forward even with renewed zeal and energy.

That our country is ripening either for reformation and mercy or for impenitence and judgment.

With unity and earnestness of purpose and with faith in God, let our Church go forward in this great work of reformation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That all our ministers and others capable do as much work in National Reform as practicable in their respective communities.

2. That special effort be made the coming year to present the cause of National Reform before Church courts and other assemblies.

3. That full reports of actual National Reform work be published for the information of the Church and other friends of the cause.

4. That the same appropriation as last year be made to this cause, viz., $8,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Dill,
S. McNaugher,
S. R. Wallace,
Of the Committee.

The hour for Devotional Exercises having arrived, Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M.

Prayer by D. Kilpatrick.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by J. W. Pritchard.

Roll was called. Geo. Kennedy, T. Moore, John A. Russell, Hugh Scott, Rusk, B. M. Thomson did not answer, but nearly all soon appeared.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Order of Business.—Ministers, J. C. McFeeters, H. H. George, R. M. Blackwood; Elders, J. P. McClurkin, Robinson Johnston.

Unfinished Business.—F. M. Foster and J. A. Black.

Devotional Exercises.—Ministers, R. M. Sommerville, T. J. Allen, R. J. Dodds; Elders, S. R. Rogers, M. R. Mahaffey.

Evangelistic Work.—Ministers, T. M. Slater, E. G. Elsey, J. F. Crozier; Elders, Robert P. Anderson, David Edgar.

Presbyterial Reports.—Ministers, Isaiah Faris, J. G. Reed, J. M. Wylie; Elders, J. W. Pritchard, W. S. Wylie.

National Reform.—Ministers, James Patton, W. M. Glasgow, H. P. McClurkin; Elders, John Hunter, Adam Walkinshaw.

Sabbath.—Ministers, R. J. George, C. D. Trumbull, Thomas McFall; Elders, William McKinney, T. G. Dunn.

Sabbath Schools.—Ministers, H. G. Foster, J. C. French, R. C. Reed; Elders, W. R. Wallace, John Aikin.

Secret Societies.—Ministers, W. C. Paden, J. R. Baird, R. C. Wylie; Elders, E. W. Hosack, John McCullough.

Systematic Beneficence.—Ministers, S. G. Shaw, P. J. McDonald, S. M. Stevenson; Elders, J. A. McAteer, William Anderson.

Temperance.—Ministers, A. Kilpatrick, S. Kingston, J. McCracken; Elders, Hugh Scott, H. A. Young.

Psalmody.—Ministers, R. A. Paden, T. A. Rusk, J. R. Latimer; Elders, John A. Russell, J. McCartney.

Following the order of the day, the Report on the Sabbath was taken from the table.

Items 1, 2, 3 were adopted.

While item 4 was under discussion, the Report was laid on the table, to hear Dr. Hathaway, Secretary of American Sabbath Union. Dr. Hathaway addressed the court.

The consideration of the Report on the Sabbath was resumed. Speeches were limited to three minutes.

Item 4 was amended and adopted.

Items 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Sabbath.

The vital test of God's love in the heart is the acceptance of the Christic verities and certainties that are realized in the proper observance of the Lord's Day. No one can read the Bible with reflection and not discover the fact that upon the proper observance of the holy Sabbath depends the progress of sanctification and the very existence of religious life in the soul. The divine voice of Sinai can alone awaken a sleeping conscience to the danger of Sabbath desecration; and this whole question of Sabbath sanctification will never find its proper solution until its discussion is brought fully within the realm of conscience enlightened by the word of God. Then conscience will delight to reverence the Lord's Day and make it the great Christ day of Christendom. Then conscience will knock at the door of our hearts every Lord's Day, and command us to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Then the Lord's Day will own the conscience of the Christian, and Sabbatize all time for him, and make his whole life sacramental, and throw the whole weight and influence of his example and practice on the side of Christ's love, and the proper observance of the Lord's Day. The blessing of a Sabbath-loving and a Sabbath-keeping conscience is all the more important in our day, because comparatively few Christian people can fully resist the temptation to encroach on the sanctity of the Sabbath. Secular conversation is carried on, carnal pleasure is indulged in, Sunday newspapers are bought, and read, and manufactured, and sold in defiance of law. Sunday trains and street cars are patronized in order to attend sectarian churches and visit unsectarian pleasure resorts. Milk and other articles of merchandise are received on the Lord's Day. Indeed the holy Sabbath is ofttimes polluted in the house of its friends. Hundreds of things that we cannot specify in this report have contributed to this result. Very few fully agree as to the practical application of God's great law of the Sabbath, and the only reason of this sad divergence is the lamentable lack of a Christian conscience. As Bishop John P. Newman says, there is an antagonism prevailing in the world against the authority of those old mandates received by Moses from the hand of the Almighty. But these people forget that there is a difference between the power to disobey and the right to disobey. The power to take another's property does not give the right, and the power to work on the Sabbath, or use the cars, or receive merchandise, does not give the right to do so. Indeed, there is a looseness of conscience that is appalling. President McKinley, in his inaugural address, recognized God's law and the blessedness of obedience to it, and yet by the hand of his own appointed Postmaster-General sent out 15,000 mail cars on the first, and on every Sabbath since his inauguration. Seven hundred Sunday newspapers, reinforced by lawbreaking capital, demand it, and neither his own nor the conscience of 70,000,000 people appear to be much alarmed about it. Sabbath law is divine safeguard to the home, and makes the difference between a moral, God-fearing home and an immoral, God-hating home. Sabbath law is a divine protector of national life, and was given by the great lawgiver on Mount Sinai to Israel, and made the test of national prosperity and perpetuity. Sabbath law is the test of religious life in the Church. Having a place in the moral law,

there is but one conclusion to be drawn, that if the Church does not urge the divine authority of the Sabbath as a holy day and require its members to preserve its sanctity, it becomes guilty of a gross immorality. In the fiery trial of its integrity it must not defile itself with the king's meat (Dan. 1:8), but must teach its membership the importance of standing by their consciences at whatever sacrifice of personal profit or pleasure. The Lord of the Sabbath has set a perfect standard, and no fallible human heart is a safe interpreter of its own needs, and if the Church does not urge the divine claims of the Sabbath, then the public conscience will not be awakened to give the day the sacred respect that is its due. And the conscience polluted in reference to one part of God's law cannot possibly continue long pure in reference to other points. "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Jas. 2:10. The reason is obvious, because the law of God is a unit, and resistance to His will in anything shows a heart at enmity with God, and the leprosy of a polluted conscience spreads over the whole inner man and no moral element can bind him. Nor will the fatal fallacies of false-hearted men in making so-called necessities a plea for violating law be of any avail. A real necessity, which has power to suspend the law, must be of God's creation, not man's, and must be of such a nature as to harmonize with the whole law and elevate the soul in its performance. If a man or a sheep fall into a pit, or a house takes fire, it is our duty to save life and property. But let no man purposely set his house on fire, or throw his sheep into a pit, and then insult reason and rebel against God by justifying such wickedness as a necessity. Dr. George Junkin says that on this whole subject of necessities, no conscientious Christian has much difficulty. If the heart be right—if it purpose to obey God—scruples of conscience are thrown into the balances of the sanctuary, and the scale turns to a right decision. It is only where a heart is depraved and racked with unholy desires, that conscience, as a discriminating faculty, abides more than a moment in a state of equilibrium on the question of doing secular service on the Lord's Day. A pure conscience adopts the rule, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind;" if there is a doubt, "he that doubteth is damned if he eat; because he eateth not of faith; for whatever is not of faith is sin." And as faith works by love (law) and purifies the heart, so all necessities of man's invention and creation are no justification as against God's law, and all such rebellion should know that it cannot succeed. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The present situation is one of imminent danger demanding the immediate consideration of the patriot, the philanthropist and the Christian. The Sabbath, which is the foundation of national prosperity, the safeguard of social order as well as of religious blessings, the friend of the wage-earner, and the sign of a Christian civilization, is imperilled, and the church is commissioned to defend it against all its foes. In the review of the past year, the fact is disclosed that there has been no abatement of zeal and energy on the part of the consecrated workers who are doing battle for the Sabbath. One hopeful sign is that real alarm is beginning to be felt in many quarters that the Sabbath is being secularized and degraded into a continental holiday, and given over to labor and recreation. In

Europe there is a very decided pro-Sabbath movement both in France and Germany, because the day has degenerated into a mere work day and has ceased to be a holiday. The working classes and the religious classes have joined hands to rehabilitate the day. In Italy and in Belgium it is a pleasure day or a work day, and has no religious significance. The effect of this is bad, only bad, and that continually. There is perhaps more drinking, more gambling, more harlotry and crime on that day than during all the rest of the week. 'Tis the day of leisure when it is not a mere work day. Laborers have been paid off on Saturday night. The orgy begins then and is continued on Sabbath. When Monday comes their money is gone, their brains are muddled, their hands tremble, they are unfit for work, and their families are deprived of the comforts and even of the necessities they are entitled to. These facts explain the reaction towards Sabbath observance both in Europe and America, and the church of Jesus Christ should take advantage of this change of sentiment to teach the truth, and thereby despoil the enemy who ignorantly would rob our land of this most beneficent institution.

In view of these facts, your committee make the following recommendations:

Whereas, our Church is historically a Sabbath Reform Church, and should be an example to all men in this respect,

Whereas, the present condition of things in our land calls for an advance along all the lines of our historic testimony,

Whereas, we believe that the right observance of the Sabbath would lead to the general elevation of the morals of the nation,

Therefore, *Resolved*, first, That we renew our allegiance to the fourth commandment, and bow to the divine authority of the Lord of the Sabbath expressed in the law, by actively and conscientiously keeping holy the Lord's Day.

2d. That Synod hereby reaffirms and calls special attention to all its former deliverances upon this important subject.

3d. That Synod disapproves all manner of secular business and labor on the Sabbath, except so much as can be shown from the Word of God to be of necessity and mercy.

4th. That we condemn all Sunday trains, and the running of street cars, and livery stables, and post-offices, and open stores and shops, and all manner of secular reading and carnal pleasure on the Sabbath, as inconsistent with the law and detrimental to the well-being of mankind in all relations of life.

5th. We hereby enjoin the importance of Scriptural teaching in the home, and of so regulating our practice by Sabbath law that nothing we say or do can be construed as inconsistent with the sacred duties of the day.

6th. That we recognize the great service rendered by the different State and National Sabbath Associations, notably American Sabbath Union and Women's National Sabbath Alliance, and heartily commend them to the sympathetic interest and liberality of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

7th. We believe the present time a favorable opportunity for the friends of the Sabbath to render most efficient service in protecting

the Lord's Day against all invasions by co-operating in all movements made to secure it in our civil statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. Crowe,
T. A. Rusk,
Charles Clyde.

Rule was suspended, and a paper from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Presbytery was received, and was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Committee of Supplies reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Committee of Supplies.

The Committee of Supplies would respectfully recommend the following distribution of the men at the disposal of Synod:

W. T. K. Thompson, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, June, July, August, September; Ohio, January; Lakes, February; Illinois, March; Iowa, April, May.

James McCune, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, June, July, August, September; New York, January; Lakes, February; Iowa, March; Pittsburgh, April; Illinois, May.

J. A. Thompson, Kansas, July; Vermont, August, September.

D. O. Jack, New York, June; Ohio, July; Pittsburgh, August, September; Kansas, January; Iowa, February; Ohio, March; Lakes, April; New York, May.

G. R. McBurney, New York, June; Pittsburgh, July; Ohio, August, January; Illinois, October, November; Lakes, September, December; Kansas, April, May.

R. C. Allen, Pittsburgh, June, July, August, September; Ohio, October, December; Lakes, November; Iowa, January; Illinois, February; New York, April.

G. P. Raitt, Pittsburgh, June; Lakes, September, October, April; Ohio, November; Illinois, December.

William McKinney, Pittsburgh, June; Lakes, July; Illinois, August; Kansas, September; Iowa, October; New York, November, December.

T. C. Sproull, Ohio, June, September, February; New York, July, August; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, October, November, December; Kansas, March.

C. M. Smith, New York, January; Ohio, February; Iowa, March; Illinois, April; Lakes, May.

Louis Meyer, Lakes, June, January; Iowa, July; Pittsburgh, August, September; New York, February, March; Ohio, April; Kansas, May.

J. C. K. Faris, Lakes, June; Illinois, July; Iowa, August, November; New York, October; Kansas, December.

T. A. Rusk, Illinois, June, July; Kansas, August, October, November; Iowa, September; Lakes, December; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, January, February, March; New York, April, May.

A. M. Thompson, Iowa, June; Lakes, July, March; Ohio, August, September; Pittsburgh, January; Illinois, February; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, April, May.

W. M. George, Iowa, June; New York, July, August, September; Kansas, February; Illinois, April; Ohio, May.

E. A. Crooke, Kansas, June; Iowa, July, January; Lakes, August; Illinois, September; New York, February, March; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, April, May.

S. R. Wallace, Iowa, December, February; Illinois, January; Kansas, March; Ohio, April; Pittsburgh, May.

We also recommend that the Central Board of Missions be made the Interim Committee of Supplies.

J. Renwick Wylie,
J. S. Thompson,
Thomas Patton,
J. S. Bell,
R. J. Ward.

Committee on Records of Presbyteries reported.

Records of Vermont, Rochester, Ohio, Philadelphia, Kansas, Colorado, Illinois, New York, Lakes and Iowa Presbyteries were examined and found correct.

Committee on Records of N. B. and N. S. reported. Report was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Records of N. B. and N. S. Presbytery respectfully report, That we find in them nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church, except Minutes on p. 179 make no record of the correction or approval of minutes of special meeting at New Castle, Pa., June 2d, 1893, nor is there any record of this in the subsequent meeting.

J. C. French,
G. A. Edgar,
P. P. Boyd,
A. W. Hunter,
John Aikin,
} *Committee.*

Committee on Records of Pittsburgh Presbytery reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to examine records of Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report:

That we have examined the records up to April 13, 1897, and find in them nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church, except that we do not find that the minutes of the meeting of Presbytery at regular spring meeting, April, 1896, have never yet been approved by the Presbytery. Also that the records do not show the following Commissions to have adopted or approved their own minutes, viz.: Commission to install B. M. Sharpe, p. 35: Commission to install R. J. Gault, p. 36, and the Commission to organize a congregation on College Hill, pp. 37–40.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Shaw,
W. C. Paden,
W. C. Allen,
Robert Thompson,
J. S. Wylie,
} *Committee.*

No records of Syrian Presbytery were present, but a communication from the Clerk of said Presbytery stated that no meeting had been held.

Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. Report was accepted and was taken up, item for item, for adoption.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Item 4 was laid on the table for the present.

Item 5 was amended and adopted.

Items 6 and 7 were adopted.

Report was laid on the table for the present.

William Pollock was excused from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Committee on Conference (Item 4, Report of Committee on Discipline) reported. Synod had a season of prayer. Report was received. Report was laid on the table and was made the order of the day for to-morrow (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock.

The rule was suspended and Synod took recess until 7:30.

Prayer by W. P. Johnston.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, 7:30 P. M. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by J. G. Reed.

Roll was called. Dill, Graham, Kingston, J. L. McCartney, John A. Russell, S. M. Stevenson, J. R. Willson, J. Ralston Wylie, William S. Wylie, H. A. Young did not answer. Nearly all soon appeared.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Evangelistic Work was taken from the table.

Items 3 and 4 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work respectfully reports:

By evangelistic work we understand work among the spiritually destitute at home.

Between it and missions there is no antagonism; they are parts of one whole.

Nor is there any antagonism between it and our distinctive work as a Church. If we believe in our principles and their ultimate triumph, we must labor to disseminate them. This should not, and, if properly understood, will not be allowed to interfere in the least with our efforts to save the unsaved about us. To affirm that anything in our principles or their consistent maintenance prevents our so doing, is to admit that to that extent our creed or our method of maintaining it is wrong.

Nor is there any antagonism between evangelistic and reform work. The one necessitates the other. The giant evils of society are largely neutralizing efforts to reach the unsaved about us. The thoroughly consecrated evangelist is likely soon to realize that he

must actively oppose these evils in order to success in his work. It is not at all unlikely that ere long his attention will be attracted to the attitude of the Government with reference to Christ and Christianity, and he become a national reformer.

As a Church we should engage in this department of work, not exclusively, but systematically, constantly and enthusiastically. The commands, "Go ye, preach the gospel to every creature," "Go out into the lanes and highways and hedges and compel them to come in"; a due regard to the success of the cause of our Divine Saviour and King; the best interests of our beloved land; the eternal welfare of those about us; the prosperity of our own Church, will not admit of anything else.

Yes, of our own Church. With sorrow we are obliged to admit we are not holding our own numerically, nor contributing to the schemes of the Church so liberally, as to meet the necessary expenses for carrying on our work. This year there is reported a net decrease in our membership of 125, and a deficit in our Foreign and Domestic Mission treasuries. For lack of funds work has not been prosecuted by our Boards as it should have been. When will this cease? There is no good reason for it. It must cease. One of the ways to accomplish this is to enlist the energies of our members in this grand work of laboring to bring souls to Christ. When this is done our young, active men and women will not be so likely to unite with other religious bodies, saved souls will be added to the Church and means will be provided for more aggressive work in all departments. The large number of laborers waiting to be employed emphasizes the necessity for our engaging in this work as a present duty of the Church.

That we may engage successfully in it there must be, "underlying and giving character to all our efforts, profound convictions of truth." Without this no effort is likely to be successful.

There must also be realized on the part of each the necessity for personal service. It is good to give our sympathy, our money and our prayers, but we must not forget to give ourselves.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That as a Church we recognize it as an incumbent duty to make prayerful, constant and systematic effort to reach with the saving truths of the gospel the spiritually destitute about us.

Resolved, 2. That in all our efforts at evangelistic work we should have for our object not only the saving of souls, but also the building up and establishing such in the faith that they may become intelligent and consistent members of our own Church.

Resolved, 3. That sessions be urged to arrange for actively engaging in evangelistic work, by seeking out suitable fields, organizing Sabbath schools, preaching stations, etc., etc., and that they be instructed to report any fields especially promising to Presbytery for their more thorough cultivation if that be deemed advisable.

Resolved, 4. That our members be reminded of their duty to give, not only their money, their sympathy, their prayers, but also their personal service; they themselves by personal contact "to

infuse the Christ-life into those about them who have not as yet learned what it is."

J. W. Sproull,
T. H. Acheson,
G. A. Edgar,
Wm. Martin,
J. C. Dodds.

Committee to consider the invitation to attend the Convention of Young People of United Presbyterian Church reported. Report was received and was laid on the table for the present.

Resolutions on the publication of a paper were read, and their consideration was made the order of the day for to-morrow (Wednesday) at 9:30 o'clock.

Committee on Missions reported. Report was received and was taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3.—While this item was under discussion Synod adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by J. C. French.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 2, 1897. Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called. R. C. Allen did not answer, but soon appeared.

Minutes of evening session were read and approved.

The Clerk of Synod was directed to give "Certificates of Appointments" to Licentiates.

Committee on Board of Church Erection and Sustentation reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Board of Church Erection and Sustentation.

Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation would respectfully report:

No paper was referred to us, except the report of the Boards. These reports contain only one matter requiring the action of Synod, and this matter was referred to a special committee.

The thanks of Synod is due to the members of these two Boards, for their successful and satisfactory management of the work committed to them. The report should be published in the Minutes, and the Church should be urged to a more liberal support of these lines of the Church's work.

We recommend that the President, James Kennedy, and Elder Thomas E. Greacen be elected their own successors on Board of Church Erection.

J. C. Smith,
J. W. Dill,
James Patton,
A. Walkinshaw.

CHURCH ERECTION AND SUSTENTATION.

Board of Church Erection and Sustentation would respectfully report:

CHURCH ERECTION.

The past year has not been favorable to church building. Continued financial depression and lack of employment have kept back this department of the Church's work. During the year, applications were received from East End and Youngstown Congregations.

East End Congregation, the Rev. D. C. Martin, pastor, renewed their application of two or three years ago. They asked for—and Pittsburgh Presbytery endorsed their petition—$1,000. They have a mortgage of $16,000 on their church property. The building was erected and the mortgage placed largely under the direction of brethren not now in the membership of the Church.

To offset this large mortgage, but on a really valuable piece of property, the congregation own a lot in Howard Street, and which competent judges value at $2,500 or $3,000. Also, they have two small houses in Allegheny, given by Mr. James Rafferty.

It is now proposed by the congregation - and they have taken action to this effect—to sell all this surplus property. and with the proceeds therefrom reduce the mortgage on the church. The efforts of the pastor in this direction, his self-sacrificing labors, as well as substantial financial help, are worthy of special mention.

Your Board, therefore, took the following action: "That $1,000 be appropriated to East End Congregation, on condition that they sell all their property except the church, thus receiving Mr. and Mrs. Martin's gift of $1,000."

Youngstown Congregation made application to your Board for $400. The Pittsburgh Presbytery added their recommendation. Their house of worship was built about eight years ago. They applied to Board of Church Erection in the year 1892. The Board took favorable action on their application at that time; and the Treasurer was directed to forward them $500 when he had received certificates that they would, with this help, go out of debt.

It appears, however, that a part of the debt was provided for by notes given by members of the congregation, and which, to the amount of $400, were not paid. They have applied for money to cover this unpaid balance, and to protect the property against sale.

In view of these facts, and after having sought the opinion of several members of Pittsburgh Presbytery as to the prospects of the congregation, your Board took the following action: "That $400 be appropriated to Youngstown Congregation to cover their present indebtedness, and the Treasurer be directed to take a mortgage on their church property for this amount, and for past appropriations to said congregation."

In reference to Seattle Congregation, Synod, last year, took the following action: "That the interest on loan of $1,000 to Seattle Congregation be remitted for two years from date of loan from Church Erection."

Pursuant to this action, your Board have remitted interest on said loan of $1,000 from June, 1895, to June, 1897. The loan made by your Board was for a term of three years, beginning June, 1895. (See Minutes, 1895, p. 217.)

The Treasurer's Report shows the following:

Receipts.

From	Congregations	$686 36	
"	Missionary Society	3 00	
"	Individuals	76 00	
"	Dividend David Gregg Bequest	404 57	
"	Invested Funds (Synod's Board)	187 00	
"	Interest on Note Sale Eckly Church	11 40	
	Total		$1,368 33
	Balance on hand last report		2,022 04
	Total receipts		$3,390 37

Your Board recommend that an appropriation of $4,000 be made to the work of Church Erection the coming year.

SUSTENTATION.

This is one of the most important branches of the Church's work—the help of weak congregations to sustain the ordinances of Christ's house. Nothing is gained if one congregation dies as another is being organized. The life of both should be conserved. Home Missions are for the purpose of carrying the Gospel to those who are unsaved—the broadening of the work, and in unoccupied fields. This, as Synod determined last year, comes more especially under the direction of the Board of Home Missions. "But the Sustentation Board is established as a channel through which larger and wealthier congregations may assist smaller and more feeble churches in giving to their pastors a competent support—the caring for the flock already gathered, but not large enough to provide adequately for their own spiritual needs."

This important branch of the Church's work could be made more helpful if larger contributions were made to Sustentation Treasury. Congregations should do their utmost to help themselves—should be urged to so do by their respective Presbyteries. But after they have done all they are able, many pastors receive salaries altogether inadequate for proper and comfortable support. It would be helpful if pastors, on the eve of Collection for Sustentation, would earnestly present the needs of this important work.

The Treasurer's Report shows the following:

Receipts.

From	Congregations	$903 04
"	Dividend Gregg Bequest	404 57
"	Individuals	598 00
"	Balance last year	3 00
	Total receipts	$1,908 61

Seven congregations applied to your Board—Slippery Rock, Vernon, Lisbon, Ramsey, Barnet, Sterling (Kan.), and West Hebron. Cedarville, Jonathan's Creek and Baltimore are not in the list this year. West Hebron, however, is a new member.

Adjusting the distribution according to the minimum salary and deficit in each case, the Sustentation Treasury will pay 72.05 % of deficit to salary in said congregations, as per the following table:

Congregations.	Members.	Total Contributions.	Rate of Total Contributions.	To Schemes.	Rate to Schemes.	Salary Paid.	Rate to Salary.	Deficit.	Supplement to Salary.
Slippery Rock	73	$ 920	$ 12 60	$ 130	$ 1 78	$ 600	$ 8 22	$ 200	$ 144 10
Vernon	57	771	13 52	184	3 22	491	8 61	309	222 64
Lisbon	61	918	15 05	154	2 52	600	9 83	200	144 10
Ramsey	64	948	14 80	188	2 93	530	8 01	470	338 63
Barnet	53	756	14 26	214	4 03	480	9 05	320	230 57
Sterling (Kan.)	61	877	14 37	119	1 95	500	8 19	500	360 25
West Hebron	37	555	15 00	79	2 13	350	9 45	650	468 32
No. Cong's 7	406	$5,745	$ 14 22	$1,068	$ 2 65	$3,551	$ 8 76	$2,649	$1,908 61

Though the year has not been prosperous financially, your Board take pleasure in calling attention to the fact that receipts from all sources are a few dollars in excess of last year; and the per cent. was probably never higher since the organization of your Board. This high rate is due primarily, however, to the decreased number of applicants.

As the plan of work needs some modification, the Board requests Synod to revise the plan of Sustentation, as difficulties arise under the present rules of operation.

The time for which the President, Rev. James Kennedy, and Elder Thomas E. Greacen were elected has expired, and their places should be filled.

The Board asks an appropriation of $6,000 for this important work.

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES KENNEDY, *President.*
F. M. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

Committee on the death of J. B. Williams reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

J. B. Williams.

The Rev. John Black Williams was born near Bakerstown, Pa., February 24, 1825. He was licensed by Pittsburgh Presbytery, October 3, 1849, and was ordained and installed pastor of the White Lake Congregation by the New York Presbytery, November 14, 1850. In this unusually attractive field he labored continuously for about forty six and a half years, ending his labors and entering into rest May 6, 1897. He had on that day returned home from one of his customary extended rides among his widely scattered people, and soon afterward complained of serious illness, for which he felt he must have prompt medical aid. His wife crossed the street to ask a neighbor to go for the physician, but on her return he was gone—the Heavenly Physician had come and completed His healing and redeeming work.

From the first years of his settlement, Mr. Williams manifested his deep interest in the education of the youth of the community. His visits to the district schools were expected with pleasure by many teachers. His study was often a recitation-room for students, in whom he took a special interest. In social and pastoral visits, the young people of the homes received kindly and particular attention. Not a young man in the entire community, struggling to be fitted for the ministry or for teaching, and not a young woman in charge of a school, or seeking preparation for such a position, failed to receive hearty expressions of his abiding sympathy, while out of a slender income substantial aid was always freely given when needed.

This unstinted generosity was a characteristic of Mr. Williams in all his work. And in the same spirit he gladly undertook arduous labors in bearing the Gospel message to distant parts of the county. And in his pulpit labors in distant places, as well as at home, he proclaimed, with love and fearlessness, the full message of the Gospel. His long years of faithful service as a minister of Christ, and his courteous bearing toward ministers and members of other denominations, endeared him to all the people of that part of the State in which he was so widely known.

His unwillingness to take part in the proceedings of church courts prevented him from coming into very prominent notice among his brethren, and for the same reason he was probably not always estimated at his true worth. But his record as an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile, and as a retiring and unassuming educator and preacher, and devoted friend of truth and righteousness,

has been a consistent record for a much more than ordinarily lengthened period of ministerial life.

To the bereaved wife and children, and the congregation now left without a pastor, Synod would convey its prayerful sympathy, and the comforting assurance of the truth that what is their grevious loss is the departed's glorious gain.

DAVID MCALLISTER,
J. M. FOSTER,
B. M. THOMSON.

Resolutions with reference to Church Paper were taken from the table, and were taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Remarks were limited to three minutes.

Item 1 was amended.

Resolutions were laid on the table for the present.

Synod had a season of prayer.

Conference Committee presented a Supplementary Report.

Report was received.

While under discussion, the hour for Devotional Exercises arrived, with D. B. Willson on the floor.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Synod took recess until 2 P. M.

Prayer by T. C. Sproull.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by W. S. Fulton.

Roll call was omitted.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. R. J. Dodds was appointed the Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon next year.

Committee on International Convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches in 1899 reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

International Convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches.

The committee to which was referred the resolution of the first international convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches, which met in Glasgow, July 3, 1896, requesting this Synod to make arrangements, in connection with the Synods of Scotland and Ireland, for a similar convention to meet in the United States in the year 1899, and also the action of different Presbyteries approving such a convention, would respectfully recommend:

That we approve of the proposed international convention, and that we appoint Revs. T. P. Stevenson, D. B. Willson, J. C. McFeeters and R. C. Montgomery, with Elders Wm. Anderson, Theo. Sproull, J. W. Pritchard and Deacon Thos. Boggs a committee to correspond with the representatives of the Synods of Scotland and

Ireland and, if the way is open, to take all necessary preliminary steps for the holding of such a convention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull,
R. J. George,
R. C. Montgomery,
John Aikin,
Wm. Anderson.

Committee on Finance reported. Report was received and was laid on the table for the present.

The consideration of Report of Committee on Conference was resumed.

The first item of the report was adopted.

It was voted that the principals be heard in the order "David McAllister and D. B. Willson."

The court heard D. McAllister and D. B. Willson.

D. McAllister was heard a second time.

Rule was suspended and Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Prayer by D. C. Faris.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, 7:30 P. M. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by Charles Clyde.

Roll call was omitted.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Commission to adjudicate "Complaint and appeal of R. F. Boyd against Lakes Presbytery, and complaint against Lakes Presbytery by P. P. Boyd," reported. Report was received and spread upon the minutes. It is as follows:

Report of Commission.

Your Commission appointed to take action upon Papers 21 and 22 would respectfully report. The difficulty to which both papers refer we have found to be greatly involved, and of several years' existence, and therefore one upon which honest differences of opinion might easily arise; so that we charge no one with intentional wrong-doing in the case. We have considered the papers with due care and deliberation, and our finding is unanimous.

The minutes of our meetings are herewith submitted.

D. H. Coulter, *Moderator.*
Samuel G. Shaw, *Clerk.*

MINUTES OF COMMISSION.

College Hill, Pa., May 31, 1897.

The Commission appointed to take action upon Papers 21 and 22 met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, D. H. Coulter. All the members were present, namely: D. H. Coulter, A.

Kilpatrick, S. G. Shaw, W. J. Coleman, J. A. McAteer, Robinson Johnston and A. F. Kennedy. Mr. Shaw was chosen Clerk.

Paper No. 22, "Complaint of P. P. Boyd against Lakes Presbytery," was taken up. The action complained of was read, also the complaint and the whole record in the case. Mr. P. P. Boyd was heard in support of his complaint.

The Commission adjourned with prayer by Mr. Kilpatrick, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Beaver Falls, Pa., June 1, 1897.

The Commission met at the call of the Moderator and was by him constituted with prayer. The members were all present. Mr. Joseph McCracken, representative of Lakes Presbytery, was heard in defense of the Presbytery. The complainant was heard in reply and the representative of Presbytery in rejoinder. Voted, that on account of the intimate relation of this paper to Paper No. 21, further action upon this complaint be deferred until Paper 21 has come before the Commission.

The Commission took a recess until a quarter after one o'clock.

Same place and day.

The Commission came to order at the appointed time. The members were all present. Paper No. 21, "Appeal of R. F. Boyd against Lakes Presbytery," was taken up. A communication from R. F. Boyd requesting that Mr. Joseph McCracken represent him in the matter of his appeal was read, and Mr. McCracken was admitted to plead his case. The usual documents were read, namely, the action appealed from, the appeal, and extracts from the minutes of Presbytery. Mr. McCracken was heard in support of the appeal.

The Commission took a recess until five o'clock.

Same place and day.

The Commission came to order at five o'clock. The members were all present. Mr. T. C. Sproull, representative of Lakes Presbytery, was heard in defense of the Presbytery. Mr. McCracken and Mr. Sproull were heard a second time. The parties were questioned and removed. Paper No. 22 was taken from the table and discussed.

The Commission adjourned, with prayer by Mr. Coleman, to meet to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock.

Same place, June 2, 1897.

The Commission met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Members all present. The following was adopted as the finding of the Commission:

Resolved, That we sustain the complaint of P. P. Boyd against Lakes Presbytery, on the ground that the procedure complained of was not strictly legal, nor were the prospects of a settlement of the difficulty by means of a reconciliation sufficient to justify a departure from the rules that should govern in such cases. The appeal of R. F. Boyd being intimately related to the above complaint, was considered by us in connection with it; but as the complaint is chiefly

against the action of Lakes Presbytery in opening the way for the introduction of said appeal, the appeal is by our action necessarily dismissed.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Commission adjourned with prayer by the Clerk.

D. H. Coulter, *Moderator.*
Samuel G. Shaw, *Clerk.*

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Traveling Fund.

The Committee on the Traveling Fund report as follows:

We have received from Synod's Treasurer $29.90, the excess of expenses last year returned by Iowa Presbytery. This added to the quotas from Presbyteries amounts to $2,880.80. The expenses are $2,713.90, leaving a surplus of $166.90, which we have distributed pro rata to the Presbyteries. The tabulated statement is herewith submitted.

Delegates.	PRESBYTERIES.	Quotas.	Expenses.	Deficit.	Surplus.	Due to Presbyteries.	Due from Presbyteries.	Rebate.
1	N. B. & N. S..	$45.60	$41.10	.....	$4.50	.....	$1.80	$2.70
12	Iowa.....	243.00	354.15	$111.15	.....	$125.40	.....	14 24
13	Lakes.....	184.20	144.54	.....	39.66	.....	28.84	10.80
22	Kansas.....	407.70	830.73	423.03	.....	446.90	.....	23.85
51	Pittsburgh	628.50	159.05	.....	469.60	.....	432.88	36.70
12	Illinois..... ..	267.30	324.25	56.95	.....	72.62	.....	15.65
8	Ohio	112.50	58.40	... ...	54.10	.....	47.46	6.62
4	Colorado.....	62.40	186.30	123.90	.....	127.62	.....	3.70
1	Vermont.....	40.50	28.76	.....	11.75	.....	9.34	2.40
5	Philadelphia...	202.50	63.96	.....	138.56	.....	126.70	11.85
8	Rochester.....	112.20	146.22	34.02	.....	40.62	.....	6.59
18	New York	544.50	358.14	.....	186.36	.....	154.54	31.80
1	Syrian	.....	18.30	18.30	.....	18.30	.....	.....
	Surplus refunded by Iowa Pres.....	29.90						
156		$2,880.80	$2,713.90	$767.35	$904.33	$831.46	$801.56	$166.90

R. C. Wylie,
J. G. Reed,
J. M. Faris,
} *Of the Committee.*

The consideration of Report of Committee of Conference, Item 4, Committee of Discipline, was resumed.

D. B. Willson spoke a second time.

David McAllister spoke a third time.

D. B. Willson spoke a third time.

It was moved that item 2 be laid on the table to entertain the first Report of Conference Committee.

"Ayes" and "nays" were called for.

Ayes.—William Anderson, Robert P. Anderson, R. C. Allen, P. P. Boyd, E. M. Coleman, W. J. Coleman, J. F. Crozier, Charles Clyde, D. H. Coulter, J. C. Dodds, J. W. Dill, R. J. Dodds, David Edgar, D. S. Ervin, D. C. Faris, J. M. Foster, F. M. Foster, H. G. Foster, J. C. K. Faris, D. S. Faris, Isaiah Faris, J. A. Forsythe, R. J. Gault, John Galbraith, R. J. George, James Graham, John Hunter, R. Hargrave, A. W. Hunter, E. W. Hosack, Robinson Johnston, W. P. Johnston, George Kennedy, James R. Kennedy, J. R. Latimer, M. L. McGlade, John McCullough, James H. McBurney, M. R. Mahaffey, Charles McElhinney, William McFarland, J. C. McFeeters, W. J. McKnight, A. J. McFarland, Sr., G. R. McBurney, A. J. McFarland, Jr., Thomas McFall, E. Milroy, Thomas Nelson, S. M. Orr, Thompson O'Neill, R. A. Paden, W. C. Paden, J. W. Pritchard, G. M. Robb, John A. Russell, S. R. Rogers, Hugh Scott, A. Stewart, T. M. Slater, J. S. Thompson, J. S. Wylie, Hugh Woodburn, T. H. Walker, J. Ralston Wylie, Adam Walkinshaw, R. J. Ward, H. A. Young, W. R. Wallace.—69.

Nays.—T. H. Acheson, W. C. Allen, John Angus, John Aikin, James Bell, R. M. Blackwood, J. A. Black, J. W. F. Carlisle, S. J. Crowe, W. R. Curry, J. M. Douthett, Robert Davis, T. G. Dunn, J S. Duncan, J. L. Ewing, E. G. Elsey, G. A. Edgar, J. M. Faris, W. S. Fulton, J. C. B. French, J. B. Gilmore, W. M. Glasgow, H. H. George, T. A. Hamilton, David Henderson, A. Kilpatrick, Solomon Kingston, A. F. Kennedy, D. Kilpatrick, D. G. McKee, Joseph McKnight, T. Moore, William McKinney, J. G. McElroy, J. McCartney, J. A. McAteer, J. E. Morrison, J. S. C. McNaughton, Samuel McNaugher, J. P. McClurkin, J. B. McIsaac, D. C. Martin, J. S. Martin, J. L. McCartney, R. J. McIsaac, H. P. McClurkin, P. J. McDonald, Thomas Patton, James Patton, W. J. Poole, R. C. Reed, T. A. Rusk, G. P. Raitt, J. G. Reed, John Robinson, William Shaw, R. M. Sommerville, T. P. Stevenson, J. W. Sproull, B. M. Sharpe, J. C. Smith, T. C. Sproull, S. M. Stevenson, B. M. Thompson, J. R. Willson, R. C. Wylie, P. H. Wylie, J. Renwick Wylie, William S. Wylie, A. G. Walkinshaw, R. C. Montgomery.—71.

Not Voting.—T. J. Allen, J. R. Baird, J. McCracken, D. McAllister, J. J. McClurkin, T. P. Robb, C. D. Trumbull, S. R. Wallace, D. B. Willson, J. M. Wylie.—10.

The motion was lost.

On the adoption of item 2 the "ayes" and "nays" were called for.

Ayes.—William Anderson, T. H. Acheson, W. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, John Angus, John Aikin, J. R. Baird, R. M. Blackwood, J. A. Black, E. M. Coleman, J. W. F. Carlisle, S. J. Crowe, W. R. Curry, J. M. Douthett, Robert Davis, J. W. Dill, J. S. Duncan, R. J. Dodds, E. G. Elsey, G. A. Edgar, J. M. Faris, W. S. Fulton, J. C. B. French, J. B. Gilmore, W. M. Glasgow, R. J. Gault, H. H. George, John Hunter, T. A. Hamilton, E. W. Hosack, W. P. Johnston, A. Kilpatrick, Solomon Kingston, A. F. Kennedy, D. Kilpatrick, J. R. Latimer, D. G. McKee, William McKinney, J. G. McElroy, J. McCartney, J. A. McAteer, M. R. Mahaffey, J. E. Morrison, J. S. C. McNaughton, Charles McElhinney, Samuel McNaugher, J. McCracken, J. P. McClurkin, J. C. McFeeters, R. C. Montgomery, J. B. McIsaac, D. C.

Martin, J. S. Martin, J. L. McCartney, R. J. McIsaac, A. J. McFarland, Jr., H. P. McClurkin, P. J. McDonald, Thomas McFall, E. Milroy, Thomas Nelson, Thomas Patton, W. C. Paden, James Patton, R. C. Reed, T. A. Rusk, G. P. Raitt, J. G. Reed, John Robinson, William Shaw, A. Stewart, R. M. Sommerville, T. P. Stevenson, J. W. Sproull, B. M. Sharpe, J. C. Smith, T. C. Sproull, S. M. Stevenson, C. D. Trumbull, J. R. Willson, S. R. Wallace, R. C. Wylie, P. H. Wylie, J. Renwick Wylie, Adam Walkinshaw, H. A. Young, William S. Wylie, A. G. Walkinshaw, James Bell.—89.

Nays.—J. F. Crozier, Charles Clyde, Robert Davis, D. C. Faris, H. G. Foster, J. C. K. Faris, D. S. Faris, J. A. Forsythe, James Graham, Robinson Johnston, Joseph McKnight, T. Moore, James H. McBurney, Thompson O'Neill, W. J. Poole, J. S. Wylie, Hugh Woodburn, J. Ralston Wylie.—18.

Not Voting.—Robert P. Anderson, P. P. Boyd, W. J. Coleman, D. H. Coulter, J. C. Dodds, J. L. Ewing, David Edgar, D. S. Ervin, J. M. Foster, F. M. Foster, Isaiah Faris, R. J. George, R. Hargrave, A. W. Hunter, David Henderson, George Kennedy, James R. Kennedy, M. L. McGlade, Joseph McKnight, William McFarland, W. J. McKnight, D. McAllister, J. J. McClurkin, A. J. McFarland, Sr., G. R. McBurney, S. M. Orr, R. A. Paden, J. W. Pritchard, T. P. Robb, G. M. Robb, Hugh Scott, T. M. Slater, J. S. Thompson, T. H. Walker, D. B. Willson, R. J. Ward, W. R. Wallace, John Galbraith, S. R. Rogers, T. Moore.—40.

Item 2 was adopted.

J. F. Crozier and others entered their dissent and for reasons to be handed in.

Report of Conference Committee was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Conference Committee.

Your committee, to which was referred the fourth item of the Report of the Committee of Discipline, would make the following report:

We have given prayerful and careful consideration to this important matter.

It gives us great pleasure to say that your committee has been in perfect accord in all our deliberations.

The following was unanimously adopted as a basis of settlement:

"Resolved, That, without passing judgment on the merits of the case, it is our judgment that Dr. McAllister, in the interests of peace and of the cause of Christ, as represented by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, should agree to cease the publication of articles in the line of those referred to in the charges, and in case he so agrees, it is our judgment that Prof. Willson should agree to withdraw the charges."

We have to report that this was not agreed to by Dr. McAllister.

Your committee feel that the peace of the Church is greatly disturbed by the agitation of this question, and we recommend the following as a settlement of the case:

First. That the principals in the case be granted the liberty of making explanatory statements as to the case.

Second. That, in the interests of peace and of the cause of Christ,

as represented by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the charges be dismissed, and that we request Dr. McAllister to cease the publication of articles in the line of those referred to in the charges.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. Wallace, Charles McElhinney,
C. D. Trumbull, W. R. Curry,
J. M. Faris, J. R. Willson,
P. H. Wylie, Wm. Anderson,
J. A. Black, *Committee.*

T. P. Stevenson, W. S. Fulton, McNaugher, J. R. Baird and D. S. Ervin received leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by J. W. Sproull.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday morning, 9 o'clock, June 3, 1897.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by H. G. Foster.

Roll was called. R. C. Allen, J. L. Ewing, George Kennedy, Solomon Kingston, D. Kilpatrick, J. P. McClurkin, J. B. McIsaac, R. J. McIsaac, A. J. McFarland, Jr., T. A. Rusk, Russell, B. M. Thompson, J. M. Wylie did not answer.

Minutes of evening session were read and approved.

Communication from J. M. Wylie was referred to Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Missions was taken from the table.

All speeches were limited to three minutes.

Item 3 was laid upon the table, to be taken up in connection with Report of Finance Committee.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

Item 6 was laid on the table and substitute was entertained. Substitute was amended and adopted.

Items 7, 8, 9 and 10 were adopted.

Item 11 was amended and adopted.

Item 12 was adopted.

Representatives of Boards were heard. Their remarks were intermingled with prayer and praise. Report was laid on the table for the present.

T. H. Acheson, J. Renwick Wylie, W. J. Poole, J. C. McFeeters were granted leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod took recess, under suspension of the rules, until 1:15 P. M.

Prayer by W. J. McKnight.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 1:15 P. M.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by J. L. McCartney.

Roll call was dispensed with.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Committee of Finance.

To the Moderator and other Members of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit for your consideration the following report:

The following papers are placed in our hands:

I. The Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

II. The Report of John T. Morton, Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees.

III. The Report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer.

1. On Foreign Mission Fund.
2. Fund for Mission in China.
3. Boys' Industrial School.
4. Suadia Building Fund.
5. " " No. 2.
6. Church Erection Fund.
7. Sustentation Fund.
8. Beattie Children Fund.
9. Syrian Hospital Fund.
10. Temporary Investment Fund Foreign Mission.
11. Literary Fund.

IV. The Report of Missionary Conference.

V. A Communication from the Board of Trustees of Third New York Congregation.

VI. An Appeal from Seattle Congregation.

VII. Bill of *Christian Statesman* for Printing Selections of Psalms.

VIII. Request from Colorado Presbytery for Expenditure of Chinese Mission Funds.

IX. A Check from Rev. J. Milligan Wylie and wife of $165, the amount received from Aged Ministers' Fund last year, with the statement that they wish it placed in the hands of John T. Morton, Treasurer of Synod's Board, that Mr. and Mrs. Wylie may designate the purposes to which it shall be applied.

The accounts of Walter T. Miller and John T. Morton, Treasurers of Synod's funds, came to us audited. Also the report of D. McAllister, Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform, which we have audited and found correct.

Concerning the matters referred to us in the Report of the Board of Trustees, we recommend the following:

First.—That Synod reaffirm its previous decisions in reference to the payment by the Third New York Congregation of the interest to be paid to the Trustees of the Synod for account of the late First New York Congregation.

Second.—We recommend that the Mrs. Jennet McNaught bequest take the course prescribed by the donor, as reported by Synod's Board of Trustees, and that the act of Synod—see Minutes of last

Synod, page 59, (1)—be rescinded. She gives to Foreign Missions $585.15; to Freedmen's Missions $300.00. These we recommend to go into "Current Accounts."

Third.—That the balance, $4,000.00, of the Rachel Stevenson bequest being at the disposal of Synod, we recommend that it be appropriated as follows: To Domestic Mission Current Account, $3,000.00; to Geneva College, for Science Hall and Outlying Field, $1,000.00.

Fourth.—That the Mrs. Jessie Fraser bequest of $447.36 be appropriated to the "Literary Fund."

Fifth.—That the Margaret Peoples bequest, $900.00, be divided equally between the Foreign Mission and Southern Mission Endowment Funds.

Sixth.—That interest be charged against Geneva College and National Reform Association for moneys advanced to them on account of Fraser bequest, and that when the Fraser bequest is realized upon, the interest and principal be returned into the Treasury of Synod's Board.

Seventh.—That the "contemplated" action of the Board of Synod's Trustees, in regard to the Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Gift, be approved.

Eighth.—That the purchase, management and relations to the Board of Trustees and to the Church, of the "Home for Widows and Orphans and Aged People" of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, as set forth in No. Fourteen of the Report of Synod's Board of Trustees, be approved, and accordingly we recommend that henceforth the management be in the hands of The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association of Allegheny, Pa.

Ninth.—That William Blair, John A. Dodds and Theophilus Sproull have been highly satisfactory as members of Synod's Board during their term of service, and are presented to Synod for re-election for a term of three years, as their term of office expires June 15, 1897.

Tenth.—That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to publish, as he did last year, the Minutes of this Synod, and draw upon the Literary Fund for the money necessary for such publication, Minutes to be sold at 30 cents a copy, postage free. Minutes of last year to be sold at 15 cents a copy.

Eleventh.—That Synod's Treasurer be instructed to pay $60 from the "Literary Fund" to the Treasurer of the "Alliance of Reformed Churches," as their claim.

Twelfth.—That Synod's Treasurer pay to the *Christian Statesman* Company, for printing and binding Psalm Selections, 10,000 copies, $170 out of the Literary Fund, or other available funds, the money realized from sale of books to be returned to the fund from which it is drawn.

Thirteenth.—That Synod's Treasurer pay, at their discretion, from Aged Ministers' Fund, to the following named persons: Rev. J. J. McClurkin, Rev. J. L. McCartney, Rev. J. R. Baird, Rev. R. B.

Cannon, Rev. Robert Stewart, Rev. J. M. Armour, equally, not to exceed $400 each.

And in like manner, at their discretion, from Widows' and Orphans' Fund, to the following named widows: Mrs. Mary A. Yates, $250; Mrs. Nancy Reid, $250; Mrs. Isabella Milroy, $250; Mrs. Susan Love, $200; Mrs. W.W. McMillen, $250; Mrs. J. H.Wylie, $250; Mrs. Belle Dodds, $200; Mrs. W. F. George, $200; Mrs. J. N. Lawson, $200; Mrs. Laura Speer, $250; Mrs. Lydia French, $200.

Fourteenth.—In accordance with the Report of the Mission Conference, we recommend the following appropriations:

1. That $400 be given N. Y. Presbytery—$200 for Kortright and $200 for Brooklyn.

2. That $500 be granted to Rochester Presbytery, for Syracuse.

3. That $325 be granted Philadelphia Presbytery, for Baltimore and Conococheague Congregations.

4. That Mansfield be left under the care of Central Board; and that Ohio Presbytery be granted $100 for Muskingum and Tomica Congregations; $50 for Middle Wheeling; and that $300 be granted for New Concord, as supplement to pastor's salary, in case of settlement of a pastor.

5. That the Central Board give College Springs Congregation $150, on condition that the congregation raise the same amount.

6. That Wahoo and Topeka Congregations be left under the care of Central Board.

7. That $600 be granted to Pittsburgh Presbytery, in aid of its weak congregations.

8. That $800 be granted to Kansas Presbytery, to aid its weak congregations, the money to be distributed according to arrangements with those congregations.

9. That St. Louis remain under care of Central Board.

10. That $500 be granted to N. B. and N. S. Presbytery—$200 to St. John, $200 to Cornwallis, and $100 to Barnesville Congregations.

11. The Chicago Congregation is placed under the care of Central Board.

12. The Denver Congregation is placed under the care of Central Board.

13. That Lakes Presbytery be granted $200 for Fair Grove Congregation and $100 for Belle Centre.

14. That Vermont Presbytery be granted $100 for Ryegate Congregation.

Fifteenth.—That if collections and appropriations received during the Synodical year for the support of Domestic Missions should not be sufficient to meet the appropriations of Synod, then said appropriations shall be paid *pro rata*, as last year, as far as the funds on hand will permit, and this payment shall be a final settlement with Presbyteries for said appropriations.

Sixteenth.—That East End Congregation receive $600, to assist them in paying interest on their church debt.

Seventeenth.—That the following collections be ordered and appropriated:

Aged Ministers' Fund	July	1st,	Sabbath,	1897	$1,500
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Aug.	1st,	"	"	1,500
Domestic Mission "	Sept.	1st,	"	"	6,000
Library "	"	3rd,	"	"	500
Mission in China "	Oct.	1st,	"	"	5,000
Indian Mission "	"	3rd,	"	"	2,000
Southern Mission "	Nov.	1st,	"	"	5,000
Jewish Mission "	"	3rd,	"	"	2,000
Foreign Mission "	Dec.	1st,	"	"	15,000
National Reform	Jan.	1st,	"	1898	8,000
Testimony Bearing	Feb.	1st,	"	"	4,000
Theological Seminary	"	3rd,	"	"	1,500
Church Erection	Mar.	1st,	"	"	5,000
Sustentation Fund	April	1st,	"	"	6,000
Students' Aid	May	1st,	"	"	1,000

Eighteenth.—As labor and laborers are calling earnestly for means to carry on the Lord's work, both in home and foreign fields, we kindly recommend that persons having money which they wish to appropriate to the Lord and His work, give it to be placed in "Current Accounts," that the cause of Christ may have the use *now* of what is given to Him of His own.

Nineteenth.—That as the past year has been very trying on the pastor of Seattle Congregation, and the coming year requires special help, we recommend that $200 be appropriated out of the Domestic Mission Fund, in addition to what they are now promised, to meet this emergency.

Twentieth.—We recommend that the money ($165) from Rev. J. Milligan Wylie and wife be thankfully accepted on the terms accompanying the return of said money.

Twenty-first.—We recommend that the Report of John T. Morton, Treasurer, and the Synopsis of the Report of Walter T. Miller's Financial Report, and the Report of Synod's Financial Board, be published in the Minutes of Synod.

D. C. Martin,
A. J. McFarland, Jr.,
J. C. McFeeters,
Hugh Scott,
D. S. Ervin.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 1, 1897.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A., to meet in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, Pa., May 26, 1897.

Dear Brethren:—Herewith find my Fifth Annual Report as Treasurer of "The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America," showing the business from May 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897, which has been audited by a Committee of said Board of Trustees, whose certificate is attached, being on the last page of this report.

During the past year, the funds have earned $16,797.52, which would be equal to six and four-tenths per cent. on the amount of endowment but there is unpaid of this amount, $2,592.00. The Board has declared a dividend of five and one-half per cent. on $262,331.82 (as shown on Balance Sheet) out of the

cash revenue received and credited to Interest Account during the year, amounting to $14,428.25 and transferred the balance of Interest Account, $158.27, to Contingent Account.

The David Gregg Real Estate Endowment has earned the net amount of $6,068.61, which has been distributed in accordance with the instructions of the donor.

Domestic Mission Account is overdrawn $599.31.

Mrs. Margaret Peoples died August 30, 1896. Amount of her Endowment gift to the Church, $900.00. The interest to be used for Mission purposes.

We have received of the John A. McKee Endowment Bequest, in addition to amount reported to last Synod, $1,087.88. The income is to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Rachel Stephenson died September 29, 1896. Her Endowment gift to the Church amounts to $10,000.00, to be equally divided between Aged Ministers' Endowment Fund, and Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers' Endowment. An additional gift from her of $4,000.00 is, "unless otherwise ordered by her during her life, to be distributed after her death by Synod."

A gift was made by Mr. Henry Martin, of Cincinnati Congregation, in memory of his deceased wife, to be termed, "The Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Gift," of a farm of about 195 acres in Randolph County, Ills. When sold, the proceeds are to be used for Chinese Foreign Mission. It is under charge of Rev. D. S. Faris.

The Mrs. Jessie Fraser Bequest has netted to the Church $447.36. The copy of her will reads, "All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal, wheresoever and whatsoever, I give, devise and bequeath unto the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to have and to hold the same unto said corporation, its successors and assigns forever."

As per report, I received $29.90 since last Synod, of the Iowa Presbytery's Traveling Fund, "to be held until this Synod." It is at your disposal.

Last Synod ordered that the Mrs. Jennet McNaught Bequest be divided between the Foreign Missions and Freedmen's Mission in equal parts. Her will requires $500.00 for Foreign Mission work, $300.00 for Freedmen's Mission work, and the remainder of the estate, viz., $85.15, for Foreign Mission work. The bequest was distributed according to the will. Please have the correction made in the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. MORTON, *Treasurer.*

GENERAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$277,006 82	
Apr. 30, '97.	Received during the year:			
	Foreign Mission	$7,355 56		
	Domestic Mission	5,149 08		
	Geneva College	971 42		
	Theological Seminary	230 00		
	Students' Fund	942 25		
	Aged Ministers	1,040 56		
	Widows and Children of Dec'd Ministers	691 06	16,379 93	
May 1, '97.	Balance			$293,386 75
			$293,386 75	$293,386 75

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$109,809 36
Aug. 27, '96.	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation, No. 1..		921 42
Oct. 19, '96.	Cash, Note of Rev. J. M. Armour		50 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$110,780 78	
		$110,780 78	$110,780 78

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$59,631 13
Aug. 14, '96.	Cash, Note of Geo. Hayes		25 00
Dec. 19, '96.	Cash, Note of Catharine A. Algeo		100 00
Jan. 13, '97.	Cash, Rev. R. H. McCready, Acct. his Student notes		25 00
Mch. 9, '97.	Cash, Rev. R. H. McCready, Balance his Student notes		5 00
Mch. 20, '97.	Cash, Rev. A. W. McClurkin, Acct. his Student notes		75 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$59,861 13	
		$59,861 13	$59,861 13

STUDENTS' FUND ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$14,691 51
Aug. 27, '96.	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation, No. 1.		921 42
Nov. 5, '96.	Cash, Rev. R. M. Blackwood, on Acct. of note		20 83
May 1, '97.	Balance	$15,633 76	
		$15,633 76	$15,633 76

FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$34,636 67
June 29, '96.	Jos. Kelly Bequest		2,206 48
June 29, '96.	John A. McKee Endowment Bequest		5,149 08
May 1, '97.	Balance	$41,992 23	
		$41,992 23	$41,992 23

DOMESTIC MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$25,383 02
June 29, '96.	John A. McKee Endowment Bequest		5,149 08
May 1, '97.	Balance	$30,532 10	
		$30,532 10	$30,532 10

SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 3,780 13

CHINESE MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 100 00

AGED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$ 6,700 00
June 29, '96.	Mrs. Martha Jane Hutcheson Bequest		349 50
Aug. 27, '96.	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation, No. 1.		691 06
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 7,740 56	
		$ 7,740 56	$ 7,740 56

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT.

Aug. 27, '96.	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation, No. 1.		$ 691 06
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 691 06	

CHURCH EXTENSION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 3,400 00

IOWA PRESBYTERY ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 700 00

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 500 00

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.
(FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS.)

May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 2,000 00

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.
(FOR FOREIGN MISSION.)

May 1, '97.	Balance		$ 1,000 00

MRS. RACHEL STEPHENSON ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$10,000 00

MRS. AGNES MCINROY ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$ 3,000 00

MRS. MARGARET PEOPLES ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$ 900 00

MRS. REBECCA LAW ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$ 775 00

D. GREGG BEQUEST ENDOWMENT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$200,000 00

MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$38,572 43	
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash paid for loans during year	42,683 72	
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash received on loans during year		$53,356 08
May 1, '97.	Balance		27,900 07
		$81,256 15	$81,256 15

D. GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST CURRENT ACCOUNT.

June 5, '96.	Cash paid County taxes for 1896	$ 323 75	
July 11, '96.	Cash paid L. C. McCormick, repairs	54 52	
Sept. 2, '96.	Cash paid Shuman Bros., removing debris, and repairs	17 10	
Mch. 12, '97.	Cash paid Attorneys for opinion	5 00	
Mch. 25, '97.	Cash paid City taxes, Mch. and Sept. '97	1,989 82	
Apr. 9, '97.	Cash paid Edwin Lare, repairing roofs.	91 20	
Apr. 12, '97.	Interest account, for attending to property, collecting rents, etc., per order Board	450 00	
Apr. 12, '97.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment account, 15 shares at $404.57 $\frac{4}{10}$ per share	6,068 61	
Apr. 5, '97.	Cash, rent of Nos. 414–416 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa., to April 1, 1897		$ 9,000 00
		$ 9,000 00	$ 9,000 00
Apr. 13, '97.	Cash		$ 300 00

D. GREGG REAL ESTATE ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$200,000 00	
Apr. 12, '97.	Foreign Mission, 5 shares	$2,022 87		
	Domestic Mission, 3 shares	1,213 72		
	Sustentation Fund, 1 share	404 57		
	Church Erection, 1 share	404 57		
	Theological Seminary, 1 share	404 57		
	Southern Mission, 1 share	404 58		
	Chinese Mission, 1 share	404 58		
	Ministerial Widows and Orphans' Fund, 1 share	404 58		
	Cent'l Ref. Pres. Church, All'y, 1 share	404 57	6,068 61	
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Account. (Net revenue from property for year)			$ 6,068 61
May 1, '97.	Balance			200,000 00
			$206,068 61	$206,068 61

R. AIKIN PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$ 534 81		
Apr. 30, '97.	Interest	32 08		
May 1, '97.	Balance		$	566 89
		$ 566 89	$	566 89

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$ 5,207 64		
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, paid for repairs, water rent, insurance, etc	268 48		
Apr. 30, '97.	Interest $ 320 76			
	Less interest on rent account 89 08	231 68		
May 1, '97.	Balance		$	5,707 80
		$ 5,707 80	$	5,707 80

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	1,238 15
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, rents received during year			478 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 1,716 15		
		$ 1,716 15	$	1,716 15

REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	458 25
May 14, '96.	Interest account	$ 450 00		
May 1, '97.	Balance	8 25		
		$ 458 25	$	458 25

COLLECTION FOR EAST END R. P. CONGREGATION DEBT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	23 00
May 19, '96.	Cash, W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Pres			10 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 33 00		
		$ 33 00	$	33 00

HOME FOR WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND AGED PEOPLE, R. P. CHURCH.
(J. A. MCKEE ENDOWMENT.)

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	6,309 50
Aug. 27, '96.	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 1			460 71
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, receipts			5 25
Mch. 3, '97.	Cash, paid Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, on account property $5,000 00			
Mch. 3, '97.	Bond and mtge. to Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot for balance on property 5,000 00	$10,000 00		
Mch. 3, '97.	Cash, paid Notary for acknowledging mortgage	50		
Mch. 3, '97.	Cash, paid for recording deed	2 25		
Mch. 5, '97.	Cash, paid Attorney for examination of title and preparing bond and mtge.	15 00		
Mch. 12, '97.	Cash, paid for insurance	82 50		
May 1, '97.	Balance			3,324 79
		$10,100 25	$10,100	25

BOND AND MORTGAGE, MISS SARAH N. ARBUTHNOT.

Mch. 3, '97,	Home for Widows and Orphans, R. P. Church		$	5,000 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 5,000 00		

BILLS PAYABLE.

Apr. 28, '97.	First National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa		$	3,500 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 3,500 00		

MORTGAGE NOTES, L. H. WHEELER, PRINCETON, IND.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$ 400 00		
July 11, '96.	Interest on note	72 00		
July 11, '96.	Cash		$	471 50
July 11, '97.	Princeton, Ind., R. P. Congregation Donation Acct., satisfaction of mtge			50
		$ 472 00	$	472 00

PRINCETON, IND., R. P. CONGREGATION DONATION.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	400 00
July 11, '96.	Interest on note			72 00
July 6, '96.	Cash, paid Notary for acknowledging release of mortgage	$ 50		
July 11, '96.	Note, L. H. Wheeler, satisfaction of mortgage	50		
July 11, '96.	Indian Mission Current Acct...$157 00			
	Southern " " ... 157 00			
	Syrian " " ... 78 50			
	Aged Ministers' Fund " ... 78 50	471 00		
		$ 472 00	$	472 00

JAMES M. MILLIGAN DONATION.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	174 17
Apr. 30, '97.	Indian Mission Current Account (per order Synod, 1896)	$ 174 17		

MRS. RACHEL STEPHENSON DONATION.

May 1, '96.	Balance	-	$	4,000 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 4,000 00		

MRS. REBECCA BROWN DONATION, NO. 1.—PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	9,214 12
Aug. 27, '96.	Geneva College Endowment, 10%.....	$ 921 42		
	Students' Fund " 10%.....	921 42		
	Aged Ministers Fund " 7½%.....	691 06		
	Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Endowment, 7½%.	691 06		
	Foreign Mission Current, 20%.....	1,842 82		
	Mission to China " 10%.....	921 41		
	Domestic Mission " 15%.....	1,382 12		
	Southern Mission " 7½%.....	691 05		
	Indian Mission Building (order Synod, 1896) 7½%.....	691 05		
	Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People, R. P. Church, 5%.....	460 71		
		$ 9,214 12	$	9,214 12

MRS. REBECCA BROWN DONATION, NO. 2.—PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	1,840 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 1,840 00		

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$ 1,840 00		
May 1, '97.	Balance		$	1,840 00

REAL ESTATE DONATION.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$ 210 60		
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, City taxes, water rent, etc	157 02		
May 1, '97.	Balance		$	367 62
		$ 367 62	$	367 62

CASH DONATION.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	2,474 73
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 2,474 73		

MRS. REBECCA BROWN BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

July 23, '96.	Cash, paid for certified copy of will...	$ 3 00	
May 1, '97.	Balance.....		$ 3 00

DONATION IN MEMORY OF MRS. ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN.
(PER MR. HENRY MARTIN (HER HUSBAND) CINCINNATI, OHIO.)

Mch. 31, '97.	Cash, paid taxes due April 1, 1897.....	$ 69 72	
May 1, '97.	Balance.....		$ 69 72

(This is a donation of a farm of about 195 acres in Randolph County, Ills., not yet sold. For Chinese Foreign Mission.)

MRS. MARY LINGO BEQUEST, PARKSTON, HUTCHINSON CO., S. D.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....		$ 149 50
May 1, '97.	Balance.....	$ 149 50	

MRS. JENNET MCNAUGHT BEQUEST, KORTRIGHT, DELAWARE CO., N. Y.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....		$ 885 15
June 29, '96.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer's Account, for Foreign Mission work.....	$ 500 00	
June 29, '96.	Southern Mission Current Account, for Freedmen's Mission work.....	300 00	
June 29, '96.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer's Account, for Foreign Mission work...	85 15	
		$ 885 15	$ 885 15

JOS. KELLY ENDOWMENT BEQUEST, WILKINSBURG, PA.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....		$ 2,206 48
June 29, '96.	Foreign Mission Endowment Account..	$ 2,206 48	

MRS. MARTHA JANE HUTCHESON ENDOWMENT BEQUEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....		$ 349 50
June 29, '96.	Aged Ministers' Fund Endowment Acct.	$ 349 50	

HENRY GEORGE BEQUEST, NORTHWOOD, LOGAN CO., OHIO.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....		$ 299 70
June 29, '96.	Walter T. Miller, Tr. Foreign Mission..	$ 99 90	
June 29, '96.	Domestic Mission Current Account....	99 90	
June 29, '96.	Southern Mission "	99 90	
		$ 299 70	$ 299 70

MISS SARAH GLASGOW BEQUEST, BAKERSTOWN, PA.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....		$ 95 00
June 29, '96.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, Foreign Mission.....	$ 95 00	

JOHN A. MCKEE ENDOWMENT BEQUEST, ALLEGHENY, PA.
(FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.)

May 1, '96.	Balance.....		$10,298 16
May 18, '96.	Cash, per H. W. McKee, Ex'r. $1,145 14 Less Collateral Inheritance tax..... 57 26		1,087 88
June 29, '96.	Home Mission Endowment Account...	$ 5,149 08	
June 29, '96.	Foreign Mission Endowment Account.	5,149 08	
May 1, '97.	Balance.....	1,087 88	
		$11,386 04	$11,386 04

MRS. MARY A. GIHON BEQUEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 12, '96.	Cash, paid Walter T. Miller, for certified copy of will, dated Oct. 8, 1896....	$ 2 00	
June 24, '96.	Interest Account, "As the will mentions three legatees before us (at present alive) we regard it unnecessary to keep this account open".....		$ 2 00

MRS. JESSIE FRASER BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

"To the Trustees of Synod, etc., to have and to hold same unto said corporation, etc"

Oct. 2, '96.	Cash, per Dr. Henry M. Garden, Admr. C. T. A., balance in hands of Accountant, per statement rendered 9-3-'96	$490 51			
	Less court costs, etc., $12 50, and cost of sale of stock, $2 00	14 50		$	476 01
Oct. 12, '96.	Cash, paid Henry M. Garden, M. D., Admr., claim on estate overlooked		$ 28 65		
May 1, '97.	Balance		447 36		
			$ 476 01	$	476 01

JAMES FRASER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 1, '96.	Balance			$	525 54
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, rents received:				
	No. 146 West 11th St	$873 00			
	No. 122 East 83d St	638 00			1,511 00
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash	$500 00			
	Less	$96 00			
	Telegram	53 96 53			403 47
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, paid repairs, 11th St	69 97			
	" " water rent, 11th St	10 00			
	" " taxes, 11th St	127 23			
	" " insurance, 11th St	9 00			
	" " telegram, 11th St	55	216 75		
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, paid repairs, 83d St	57 92			
	" " water rent, 83d St	10 00			
	" " taxes, 83d St	127 12	195 04		
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, paid for affidavits to death of Mrs. Fraser		1 00		
	Cash, paid S. McNaugher, expenses to and from New York, to examine properties, per order Board		32 50		
	Cash, paid Rev. H. H. George, D.D., for his claim from East End Cong. while he was Pastor, per order Synod, 1896		350 00		
May 1, '97.	Balance		1,644 72		
			$ 2,440 01	$	2,440 01

IOWA PRESBYTERY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 30, '97.	Dividend		$	38 50
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash remitted	$ 38 50		

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 30, '97.	Dividend		$	27 50
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash remitted	$ 27 50		

MRS. AGNES MCINROY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 23, '97.	Interest to May 1, 1897		$	120 00
Apr. 23, '97.	Cash remitted	$ 120 00		

GENEVA COLLEGE—NEEDED REPAIRS ON BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

AT EXPENSE OF FRASER BEQUEST. PER ORDER OF SYNOD, 1896.

Apr. 30, '97.	Amount paid	$ 2,000 00		
May 1, '97.	Balance		$	2,000 00

MRS. REBECCA LAW INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 23, '97.	Interest to May 1, 1897		$	49 50
Apr. 23, '97.	Sundries and cash remitted	$49 50		

JAMES R. MCKEE MEMORIAL INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 30, '97.	Dividend			$	110 00
Apr. 30, '97.	Dividend				55 00
Apr. 30, '97.	Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers	$	110 00		
Apr. 30, '97.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, Foreign Mission		55 00		
		$	165 00	$	165 00

MRS. RACHEL STEPHENSON INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Aug. 5, '96.	Interest			$	250 00
Aug. 5, '96.	Cash remitted	$	250 00		

FOREIGN MISSION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 12, '97.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, five (5) shares			$	2,022 87
Apr. 30, '97.	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on endowment of $34,636 67				1,905 02
Apr. 12, '97.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer's Account..	$	2,022 87		
Apr. 30, '97.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer's Account..		1,905 02		
		$	3,927 89	$	3,927 89

CHURCH EXTENSION OR ERECTION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 12, '97.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share			$	404 57
Apr. 30, '97.	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on endowment of $3,400 00				187 00
Apr. 12, '97.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer's Account..	$	404 57		
Apr. 30, '97.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer's Account..		187 00		
		$	591 57	$	591 57

SUSTENTATION FUND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 12, '97.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share			$	404 57
Apr. 12, '97.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer's Account..	$	404 57		

CENTRAL REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALLEGHENY.

Apr. 12, '97.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share			$	404 57
Apr. 16, '97.	Cash remitted	$	404 57		

MRS. REBECCA BROWN INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Aug. 5, '96.	Interest			$	250 00
Aug. 5, '96.	Cash remitted A. P. Irwin, Esq., and Dr. Nathaniel Cashman, Ex'rs	$	250 00		

CASH DONATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 30, '97.	Interest Account			$	125 00
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash remitted	$	125 00		

WALTER T. MILLER, TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

June 29, '96.	Mrs. Jennet McNaught Bequest			$	500 00
June 29, '96.	Mrs. Jennet McNaught Bequest				85 15
June 29, '96.	Henry George Bequest				99 90
June 29, '96.	Miss Sarah Glasgow Bequest				95 00
July 11, '96.	Princeton, Ind., R. P. Cong. Donation				78 50
Aug. 27, '96.	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 1, for Foreign Mission				1,842 82
Aug. 27, '96.	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 1, for Mission to China				921 41
Apr. 12, '97.	Foreign Mission Interest Acct.	$	2,022 87		
Apr. 12, '97.	Sustentation Fund "		404 57		
Apr. 12, '97.	Church Extension "		404 57		2,832 01

Apr. 30, '97.	Foreign Mission Interest Acct	$1,905 02			
Apr. 30, '97.	Church Extension "	187 00			
Apr. 30, '97.	Jas. R. McKee Memo. Interest Acct. (Foreign Mission)..	55 00			$2,147 02
June 30, '96.	Cash remitted		$ 500 00		
June 30, '96.	" "		85 15		
June 30, '96.	" "		99 90		
June 30, '96.	" "		95 00		
July 13, '96.	" "		78 50		
Aug. 28, '96.	" "		1,842 82		
Aug. 28, '96.	" "		921 41		
Apr. 15, '97.	" "		2,832 01		
Apr. 30, '97.	" "		2,147 02		
			$ 8,601 81		$ 8,601 81

W. P. M. S. PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

May 1, '96.	Balance				$ 400 00
Nov. 18, '96.	Interest Account				20 00
Nov. 18, '96.	Cash, remitted Mrs. J. R. McKee, Tr..		$ 20 00		
May 1, '97.	Balance		400 00		
			$ 420 00		$ 420 00

REV. F. M. FOSTER, CLERK OF SYNOD.

June 30, '96.	Cash, paid Rev. F. M. Foster, for bill of J. W. Pratt & Son, N. Y., dated 6-27-'96, for 1000 copies of Minutes of Synod, 1896		$ 289 00		
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, per Rev. F. M. Foster, for 750 copies of Minutes of Synod, 1896, at 25 cents per copy				$ 187 50
May 1, '97.	Balance				101 50
			$ 289 00		$ 289 00

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$ 400 00		
Apr. 30, '97.	Expense Acct., wear and tear, 1 yr.				$ 50 00
May 1, '97.	Balance				350 00
			$ 400 00		$ 400 00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Rent of office, 1 yr. to 5-1-'97	$ 180 00	
	Telephone rent, 1 yr. to 7-1-'97	84 00	
	P. O. stamps	44 08	
	Stationery, printing, etc	45 94	
	Car fare	6 40	
	Two copies Minutes of Synod	50	
	Writing Secretary's report	5 50	
	Subscription to *Daily Financial News*	5 00	
	Subscription to *Christian Nation*	1 50	
	Copy of Rochester Cong. charter	1 50	
	Insurance on office furniture	13 20	
	Reseating chair	1 25	
	Check protector	2 50	
	Mercantile Trust Co., Bond of Tr.	50 00	
	Check book and Receipt book	37 00	
	Mr. J. C. McCombs, Atty., in full from 1887 to date, for general advice	25 00	
	John T. Morton, salary 12 mos., to May 1, 1897	2,100 00	
	Office Furniture Acct., (wear and tear).	50 00	

Apr. 15, '97.	Cash, from First National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., for check book.....			$ 20 00
	Geneva College Current Account.....			197 50
	Theological Seminary "			131 66
	Domestic Mission "			131 67
	Southern Mission "			131 67
	Chinese Mission "			65 84
	Interest Account.....			1,975 03
			$ 2,653 37	$ 2,653 37

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Interest received during year....			$17,127 70
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Account			450 00
	Sundries, Interest.....	$ 161 15		
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy, Interest.....	120 00		
	Mrs. Rebecca Law, "	49 50		
	Cash Donation, "	125 00		
	Mrs. Rachel Stephenson, "	250 00		
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown, "	250 00		
	W. P. M. S. Pgh. Pres., "	20 00		
	First Nat. Bk., Pgh., Pa., Disc. on note	38 50		
	Mrs. Mary A. Gihon Bequest, Paid to Mr. Walter T. Miller.....	2 00		
	Expense Account.....	1,975 03		
	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on Endowment of $262,331.82.....	14,428 25		
	Contingent Account.....	158 27		
		$17,577 70		$17,577 70

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....			$ 1,614 47
Apr. 30, '97.	Interest Account.....			158 27
May 1, '97.	Balance.....	$1,772 74		
		$1,772 74		$ 1,772 74

CASH ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....	$12,994 07		
Apr. 30, '97.	Receipts.....	94,665 19		
	Expenditures.....			$106,842 55
May 1, '97.	Balance.....			816 71
		$107,659 26		$107,659 26

DOMESTIC MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance.....			$ 544 22
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 93 Congregations.....$1,363 27			
	13 Sabbath Schools.... 278 41			
	9 L. M. S..... 88 48			
	1 Mission Band 5 00			
	5 Y. P. S. C. E..... 231 97			
	37 individuals..... 358 50			
	2 W. P. M. S..... 30 35			$ 2,355 98
	Cash, Returned by Rev. R. M. Blackwood.....			16 67
	Returned by Rev. J. C. Taylor, Treas., being one-half of appropriation by Synod '96 to Vermont Pres. for Topsham Cong.			50 00
	Per T. N. Faris, Esq., for two years interest on Mary Gray Bequest.....			9 00

	Henry George Bequest		$ 99 90
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 1		1,382 12
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct. three (3) shares		1,213 72
	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on Endowment of $25,383 02		1,396 07

Expenditures.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Rev. T. A. Rusk, Sup. to 6–1–'96.	$ 41 66	
	Rev. J. W. Dill, Sup. to 5–15–'96.	25 00	
	Rev. T. H. Acheson, Sup. to 6–1–'96	20 83	
	Rev. P. P. Boyd, Sup. to 6–10–'96	16 69	
	Rev. P. J. McDonald, Sup. to 5–1–'97	416 70	
	Rev. B. M. Sharpe, Sup. to 4–18–'97	416 60	
	Rev. W. C. Allen, Sup. to 4–15–'97	275 00	
	Rev. A. J. McFarland, Jr., Sup. to 4–22–'97	458 26	
	Rev. H. P. McClurkin, Sup. to 5–1–'97	550 00	
	Rev. R. M. Blackwood, Sup. to 2–1–'97	166 66	
	Rev. R. J. Dodds, Sup. to 5–1–'97	83 32	
	Rev. J. M. Wylie, salary to 4–29–'97	640 00	
	Rev. Geo. Benaugh, preaching at Mansfield, to 4–1–'97	495 00	
	Rev. W. C. Paden, preaching at Wahoo, to 3–20–'97	150 00	
	Rev. B. M. Sharpe, preaching, McKeesport $45 00		
	R. R. fare 6 40	51 40	
	Rev. C. Clyde, preaching at St. Louis, 2 days	20 00	
	Rev. G. P. Raitt, preaching at Mansfield, Bal. $ 6 00		
	8 days 80 00	86 00	
	Rev. G. M. Robb, preaching at Youngstown, 2 days	20 00	
	Rev. A. Kilpatrick, preaching at Youngstown, 1 day $15 00		
	Trav. expenses 2 00	17 00	
	Rev. R. M. Blackwood, preaching at St. Louis, 2 Sabbaths previous to 10–1–'96	20 83	
	Mr. J. W. Speer, Tr. Kansas City Cong., for preaching by Rev. Geo. Edgar	7 50	
	Rev. R. M. Atchison, Tr. Kansas Pres. for preaching at Wahoo by Rev. H. P. McClurkin $30 00		
	Rev. H. P. McClurkin, 4 days 30 00		
	Rev. W. C. Paden, 6 days 45 00	105 00	
	Rev. P. J. McDonald, conducting Communion at Oakland, Cal.	35 00	
	Rev. N. R. Johnston, assisting at Communion at Oakland, Cal.	25 00	
	Rev. H. P. McClurkin, Communion at Topeka	10 00	

	Rev. W. J. Coleman, supplying his pulpit 4-4-'97, while at Mansfield		$15 00	
	Rev. R. J. Dodds, expenses to St. Louis		12 12	
	Rev. J. M. Wylie, traveling expenses to Chicago		7 00	
	Myers & Shinkle Co., printing letter heads		5 25	
	Colorado Pres., J. K. Miller, M. D., Treas., for Rev. J. M. Armour, appropriation by Synod 1895, for Mission work in neighborhood of Seattle		150 00	
	Colorado Pres., J. K. Miller, M. D., Treas., one-half of appropriation, Synod 1896	$350 00		
	On acct. of 2d half	100 00	450 00	
	Lakes Pres., Rev. J. McCracken, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896		125 00	
	Ohio Pres., Rev J. S. Thompson, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896		75 00	
	Philadelphia Pres., Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896		250 00	
	Kansas Pres., Mr. R. M. Atchison, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896		400 00	
	New York Pres., Rev. S. G. Shaw, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896		350 00	
	Vermont Pres., Rev. J. C. Taylor, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896		50 00	
	Rochester Pres., Mr. Jno. Hunter, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896, for Lochiel Cong	$ 35 00		
	Acct. Syracuse Cong	195 00	230 00	
	Pittsburgh Pres., Mr. Jno. T. Morton, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896		300 00	
	N. B. & N. S. Pres., Rev. Thos. McFall, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod 1896		362 50	
	East End Cong., Mr. Wm. Blair, Treas., appropriation by Synod 1896		600 00	
	Expense Account		131 67	
May 1,	Balance			599 31
			$ 7,666 99	$ 7,666 99

(The above payments of one-half of the appropriations by Synod 1896, is to be in full, per order Synod 1896.)

KNOX ACADEMY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

June 3, '96.	Cash, tuition, per Rev. R. J. McIsaac.			$ 182 75
Apr. 30, '97.	Southern Mission Current Acct	$	182 75	

TEACHERS' HOME, SELMA, ALA., RENT ACCOUNT.

Mch. 25, '97.	Cash, Rent, 1 year to Oct., 1897, per Rev. R. J. McIsaac		$ 100 00
Apr. 30, '97.	Southern Mission Current Acct	$ 100 00	

SOUTHERN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$ 318 14

Receipts.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 100 Congregations	$1,401 28	
	23 Sabbath Schools	358 72	
	3 S. S. Classes	26 89	
	23 L. M. S.	267 48	
	4 Mission Bands	36 65	
	2 Y. P. S. C. E.	32 07	
	55 individuals	460 00	
	2 W. P. M. S.	72 75	2,655 84
	Returned by Rev. R. J. McIsaac, to hold until needed		100 00
	Mrs. Jennet McNaught Bequest		300 00
	Henry George Bequest		99 90
	Princeton, Ind., R. P. Cong. Donation.		157 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown's Donation No. 1.		691 05
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share		404 58
	Knox Academy Current Account		182 75
	Teachers' Home Rent Account		100 00
	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on Endowment of $3,780.13		207 91

Expenditures.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Rev. Solomon Kingston, Sal. to 5-1-'97	$ 400 00	
	Mr. J. H. Pickens, Sal. to 5-1-'97	420 00	
	Mr. J. C. Phillips, " "	360 00	
	Rev. R. J. McIsaac, " "	1,000 00	
	Mr. G. G. McLaury, " "	140 00	
	Miss Mary A. Dodds, " "	320 00	
	Miss Margaret McCartney, Sal. to 5-1-'97	320 00	
	Miss Mary J. George, Sal. to 5-1-'97	320 00	
	Miss Lillian Hobbie, Sal. to 5-1-'97	320 00	
	Mrs. G. M. Sims, Sal. to 5-1-'97.	320 00	
	Miss Sophia P. Kingston, Sal. to 5-1-'97	280 00	
	Miss Mary A. Dodds, Trav. Expenses	41 80	
	Miss Margaret McCartney, Trav. Expenses	43 80	
	Miss Mary J. George, Trav. Expenses	42 80	
	Miss Lillian Hobbie, Trav. Expenses	60 50	
	Rev. R. J. McIsaac	100 00	
	Insurance on Selma Building	50 00	
	Expenses, per report of Rev. R. J. McIsaac	47 06	
	Expense Account	131 67	
May 1,	Balance	499 54	
		$ 5,217 17	$ 5,217 17

CHINESE HOME MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance			$ 2,718 53
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 10 Congregations	$42 33		
	5 Sabbath Schools	35 36		
	6 L. M. S	41 80		
	14 individuals	30 50		
	1 W. P. M. S	1 05		151 04
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share			404 58
	Dividend, 5½ per cent on Endowment of $100.00			5 50
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Jas. H. Willson, Sal. to 5-1-'97.	$ 240 00		
	Miss Mary Hill, " "	160 00		
	Miss Jennie Trimble, " "	15 00		
	Lee To (interpreter), Bal. Sal.	35 00		
	Hall rent to May 1, 1897	240 00		
	Gas bills	47 95		
	Coal and kindling	16 90		
	Rev. N. R. Johnston, as recognition of his services in the Mission	100 00		
	Mrs. N. R. Johnston, as recognition of her services in the Mission	25 00		
	Expense Account	65 84		
May 1,	Balance	2,333 96		
		$ 3,279 65	$	3,279 65

INDIAN MISSION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 1 Congregation:			
	Mrs. Jane George	$50 00		
	Sundries	20 00	$	70 00
	2 Sabbath Schools			56 50
	10 individuals			15 00
	1 Mission Band			8 10
	1 W. P. M. S			34 00
	Remitted Rev. W. W. Carithers, (contribution of Mrs. Jane George)	$ 50 00		
May 1,	Balance	133 60		
		$ 183 60	$	183 60

INDIAN MISSION BUILDING ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	310 46
Apr. 30, '97.	Sundries, per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers			1,183 33
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 1.			691 05
	Cash, remitted Rev. W. W. Carithers, to help build farmer's house	$ 500 00		
	Sundries, per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers	972 42		
May 1,	Balance	712 42		
		$ 2,184 84	$	2,184 84

MRS. M. A. SLATER, AS A MEMORIAL TO HER SON, RENWICK G. SLATER.
(TO START A NEW BRANCH OF INDIAN MISSION.)

June 29, '96.	Cash, Through Geneva Cong.		$	250 00
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 250 00		

INDIAN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance				$ 2,701 13
	Receipts.				
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 80 Congregations	$628 71			
	11 Sabbath Schools	75 65			
	14 L. M. S	98 72			
	4 Mission Bands	16 85			
	2 Y. P. S. C. E	52 00			
	39 individuals	224 40			1,096 33
	W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Pres., balance of Rev. W. W. Carithers' salary to Feb. 1, 1897	$750 00			
	W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Pres., on account Rev. W. W. Carithers' salary from Feb. 1, 1897	250 00			1,000 00
	Receipts, per report of Rev. W. W. Carithers				464 12
	James M. Milligan Donation				174 17
	Princeton, Ind., R. P. Cong. Donation.				157 00
	Expenditures.				
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Rev. W. W. Carithers, Sal. to 5-1-'97			$ 1,000 00	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, Sal. of farm helpers to 5-1-'97.				
	Mr. John Bull	$ 67 50			
	Mr. Geo. C. Robb	90 00			
	Paid out by Rev. W. W. Carithers	112 50		270 00	
	Miss Alice Carithers, Sal. to 5-1-'97			450 00	
	Miss Kate McBurney, Sal. to 5-1-'97			450 00	
	Miss Maggie J. Walkinshaw, Sal. to 5-1-'97			70 00	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, advanced acct., expenses for current year			300 00	
	Sewing machine			30 00	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, for special remittances for Mission, sent him			105 00	
	Expenses, per report of W. W. Carithers	$1,289 59			
	Less paid him, 11-17-'96	300 00		989 59	
May 1,	Balance			1,928 16	
				$ 5,592 75	$ 5,592 75

JEWISH MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance				$ 499 05
	Receipts.				
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 70 Congregations	$586 03			
	22 Sabbath Schools	201 24			
	2 Sabbath School Classes	15 61			
	21 L. M. S	133 10			
	4 Mission Bands	37 05			
	5 Y. P. S. C. E	29 50			
	70 individuals	199 40			

	3 W. P. M. S.....	$41 30			
	Disc. on taxes, Phila. Miss	40			$1,243 63
	Balance per Mr. Wm. I. Marshall, Tr. of Phila. Mission, at 1–1–'97...				30 00
	Expenditures.				
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Cincinnati Mission.				
	Mr. Louis Meyer, salary	$208 05			
	Miss Patterson, "	124 85			
	Janitor's "	8 00			
	Hall rent....	24 00			
	Rev. J. C. Smith for expenses of Mission to 5–1–'97.....	280 00			
	Mr. Louis Meyer, expressage on Bibles.....	1 50	$ 646 40		
	Cash, Philadelphia Mission.				
	Mr. Wm. I. Marshall, Tr., for salaries, &c.....$170 00				
	Mr. Moses Greenberg, salary to 5–1–'97.....	140 00			
	Mrs. Martha Greenberg, salary to 4–16–'97.....	87 50			
	Mr. Moses Greenberg, literature and expenses.	23 14			
	Mrs. Martha Greenberg, Expenses.....$29 66				
	Less rent collected.. ..... 10 00	19 66			
	Mr. Wm. I. Marshall, Tr., for expenses for June, July and August, 1896.	60 08			
	Repairing roof.....	21 50			
	City tax, 1897.....	46 25			
	Water rent, 1897.....	5 00	573 13		
May 1,	Balance.....		553 15		
			$ 1,772 68	$ 1,772 68	
	THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CURRENT ACCOUNT.				
May 1, '96.	Balance.....				$ 1,449 05
	Receipts.				
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 65 Congregations.....	$442 36			
	1 Sabbath School.....	5 40			
	17 individuals.....	68 20			515 96
	Catherine A. Algeo, interest on her note....				145 00
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share.....				404 57
	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on Endowment of $59,631 13.....				3,279 71
	Expenditures.				
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Rev. D. B. Willson, D.D., salary to June 1, 1897.....		$ 2,000 00		
	Rev. R. J. George, D. D., salary to June 1, 1897.....		2,000 00		
	Expense of three members of Board attending meetings of Board.....		73 65		
	Expense account.....		131 66		
May 1,	Balance.....		1,588 98		
			$ 5,794 29	$ 5,794 29	

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance			$ 2,082 24
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, rent to June 1, 1897			800 00
	Expenditures.			
May 19, '96.	Cash, repairing 12 desks	$ 24 00		
June 9,	Water rent for 1896	12 00		
June 11,	Allegheny Heating Co., one-third of gas bill	65 78		
Aug. 18,	Repairing chimneys	17 68		
Oct. 5,	Table	10 00		
Oct. 23,	Repairs	2 00		
Jan. 5, '97.	Repairing clock	75		
Jan. 7,	Repairing steps	9 50		
Mar. 25,	City taxes for 1897	183 69		
Apr. 13,	Plumbing	2 90		
Apr. 30,	Allegheny Gas Co.	2 10		
May 1,	Balance	2,551 84		
		$ 2,882 24		$ 2,882 24

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

May 1, '96.	Balance			$ 1,280 24
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, Seminary closing collection			6 00
	47 congregations	$ 180 71		
	6 individuals	5 40		186 11
	Expenditures.			
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, books	56 58		
	Geneva College Library Acct., one-half of receipts	93 05		
May 1,	Balance	1,322 72		
		$ 1,472 35		$ 1,472 35

STUDENTS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance			$ 3,851 99
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 48 congregations	$230 85		
	11 individuals	38 75		269 60
	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on Endowment of $14,691 51			808 03
	Expenditures.			
Nov. 12, '96.	Cash, paid 15 students, $150 00 each	$ 2,250 00		
May 1, '97.	Balance	2,679 62		
		$ 4,929 62		$ 4,929 62

AGED MINISTERS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance			$ 209 46
	Receipts.			
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 72 Congregations	$452 49		
	2 Sabbath Schools	7 72		
	20 individuals	85 00		545 21
	Princeton, Ind., R. P. Congregation donation			78 50
	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on Endowment of $6,700 00			368 50

Expenditures.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, paid Myers & Shinkle Co. for letter circulars	$ 2 38		
	Paid 7 ministers $165 00 each	1,155 00		
May 1,	Balance	44 29		
		$ 1,201 67	$ 1,201 67	

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

Receipts.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 77 Congregations	$405 11		
	1 Sabbath School	5 70		
	22 individuals	83 00	$	493 81
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., one (1) share			404 58
	James R. McKee, Memorial Interest Acct			110 00

Expenditures.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$ 19 71		
Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, paid Myers & Shinkle Co. for letter circulars	2 37		
	Paid 12 widows $80 00 each	960 00		
May 1,	Balance	26 31		
		$ 1,008 39	$ 1,008 39	

TESTIMONY BEARING CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	855 94

Receipts.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, 67 congregations	$696 60		
	33 individuals	251 50		
	1 W. P. M. S.	10 00		958 10
	Returned by Rev. S. McNaugher			5 65
	Collections by Rev. A. J. McFarland			112 00
	" " "			82 95
	" " "			34 37
	" " "			50 50

Expenditures.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, paid orders of committee and traveling expenses of lecturer	$ 581 00		
	Lecturer, Rev. A. J. McFarland, salary for 1 year in full to June 1, '97	1,200 00		
May 1,	Balance	318 51		
		$ 2,099 51	$ 2,099 51	

GENEVA COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$ 684 89		
Apr. 30, '97.	Interest, 1 year to May 1, 1897	41 09		
Apr. 30,	Geneva College Current Account		$	41 09
Apr. 30,	Geneva College Current Account, by order Synod 1895			200 00
May 1,	Balance			484 89
		$ 725 98	$	725 98

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance		$	783 75

Receipts.

Apr. 30, '97.	Theological Seminary Library Fund (one-half receipts for Library Fund during year)			93 05

Expenditures.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, paid for books, periodicals, etc..	$	192 53		
May 1,	Balance		684 27		
		$	876 80	$	876 80

GENEVA COLLEGE INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, received for interest on Geneva College notes, during year			$	724 20
	Geneva College Current Account	$	724 20		

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '96.	Balance	$	304 53

Receipts.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, for conferring degrees	20 00
	Rent of chapel	100 00
	Tuition	3,425 96
	Geneva College Interest Account	724 20
	Dividend, 5½ per cent. on Endowment of $109,809 36	6,039 51

Expenditures.

Apr. 30, '97.	Cash, for Trustees' prize	$	25 00		
	Prof. W. H. Wilson, for balance due for sundry bills at close of term, June 1, 1896		70 19		
	Jas. McCartney, for material furnished for bath room		15 00		
	Jas. W. Arrott, for insurance		50 00		
	Fred. W. Kiefer, "		50 00		
	N. H. Pangburn, "		210 00		
	Telegram		63		
	College Hill Land & Water Co., water rent, 1 year to 3-1-'97		40 00		
	Rev. W. P. Johnston, salary to 6-1-'97		1,500 00		
	Rev. W. P. Johnston, for Elocution Department		50 00		
	Prof. Geo. Kennedy, salary to 6-1-'97		1,200 00		
	Prof. W. M. Milroy, salary to 6-1-'97		1,200 00		
	Prof. Wm. McCracken, salary to 6-1-'97		1,200 00		
	Prof. W. H. Wilson, salary to 6-1-'97		1,200 00		
	Prof. J. M. Coleman, salary to 6-1-'97		1,200 00		
	Prof. J. H. Morton, salary to 6-1-'97		800 00		
	Miss Grace P. Morehead, salary to June 1, 1896		540 00		
	Geneva College Building Fund, 1 year's interest on balance, $684 89		41 09		
	Geneva College Building Fund, by order Synod 1895. Second payment		200 00		
	Expense Account		197 50		
May 1,	Balance		824 79		
			$10,614 20		$10,614 20

SYNOD'S TRAVELING FUND.

June 23, '96.	Cash, Iowa Presbytery Traveling Fund, to be held until next Synod, per D. Chestnut			$ 29 90
May 1, '97.	Balance	$ 29 90		

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS.

May 1, '97.	Pittsburgh Presbytery Current Account, Balance		$ 303 02
	Pittsburgh Presbytery Education Fund, Balance		610 34
	Pittsburgh Presbytery Investment Fund, Balance		2,350 00
	Pittsburgh Presbytery S. S. Conv'n Fund, Balance		12 55
			$ 3,275 91

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 1, 1897.

LIABILITIES.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

	1896.	1897.
Geneva College Endowment	$109,809 36	$110,780 78
Theological Seminary Endowment	59,631 13	59,861 13
Students' Fund Endowment	14,691 51	15,633 76
Foreign Mission Endowment	34,636 67	41,992 23
Domestic Mission Endowment	25,383 02	30,532 10
Southern Mission Endowment	3,780 13	3,780 13
Chinese Mission Endowment	100 00	100 00
Aged Ministers Endowment	6,700 00	7,740 56
Fund for Widows and Children of Dec'd Ministers		691 06
Church Extension Endowment	3,400 00	3,400 00
James R. McKee Memo. Endowment (Widows and Children, etc.)	2,000 00	2 000 00
James R. McKee Memo. Endowment (Foreign Mission)	1,000 00	1,000 00
Iowa Presbytery Endowment	700 00	700 00
Wilkinsburg Congregation Endowment	500 00	500 00
(Dividend 5½ per cent. declared on this amount)	$262,331 82	
Mrs. Rachel Stephenson Endowment		10,000 00
Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment		3,000 00
Mrs. Marg't Peoples Endowment		900 00
Mrs. Rebecca Law Endowment		775 00
(The last four items above not governed by dividend, but by specified rate of interest.)		
Amount of General Endowment Account		$ 293,386 75
D. Gregg Bequest Endowment (not governed by dividend, net revenue distributed as instructed by Donor)		200,000 00
		$ 493,386 75

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., R. P. Church Property Rent Acct.	1,716 15
Real Estate Account	8 25
Collection for East End R. P. Cong. Debt	33 00
Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot	5,000 00
Bills Payable	3,500 00
Mrs. Rachel Stephenson Donation	4,000 00
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2	1,840 00
Cash Donation	2,474 73
Mrs. Mary Lingo Bequest	149 50
John A. McKee Endowment Bequest	1,087 88
Mrs. Jessie Fraser Bequest	447 36
W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Presbytery	400 00
Synod's Traveling Fund	29 90
Contingent Account	1,772 74
Pittsburgh Presbytery Accounts	3,275 91

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Southern Mission Current Account	499 54
Chinese Home Mission Current Account	2,333 96
Indian Mission Current Account	1,928 16
Indian Mission Building Fund	712 42
Indian Mission Industrial School Account	133 60
Mrs. M. A. Slater (as a memorial to her son, Renwick G., etc.)	250 00
Jewish Mission Current Account	553 15
Theological Seminary Current Account	1,588 98
Memorial Building Rent Account	2,551 84
Theological Seminary Library Fund	1,322 72
Students' Fund Current Account	2,679 62
Aged Ministers' Fund Current Account	44 29

Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers Current Account		$ 26 31
Testimony Bearing Current Account		318 51
Geneva College Library Account		684 27
Geneva College Current Account		824 79
D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Account		300 00
James Fraser Bequest Account		1,644 72

ASSETS.

Domestic Mission Current Account	$ 599 31	
Life Insurance Policy	1,840 00	
St. Johnsbury, Vt., R. P. Church Property Account	5,707 80	
John A. McKee Endowment (for Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People, R. P. Church)	3,324 79	
Geneva College Building Fund	484 89	
Robert Aikin Property Account	566 89	
Real Estate Donation	367 62	
Donation in memory of Mrs. E. S. Martin, etc	69 72	
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Bequest	3 00	
Geneva College, repairs, etc	2,000 00	
David Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account	200,000 00	
Rev. F. M. Foster, Clerk of Synod, Account	101 50	
Office Furniture Account	350 00	
Mortgage Account	27,900 07	
General Endowment Account	293,386 75	
Cash Account. In First National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa. $794 83		
On hand 21 88	816 71	
	$537,519 05	$537,519 05

Report of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

Synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, from April 2, 1896, to March 30, 1897:

The Receipts have been—

From Congregations		$ 6,743 57
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies		2,095 39
Individuals and Bequests		996 29
Students of Geneva College		78 62
Synod's Board of Trustees:		
Dividend on Invested Funds		1,991 61
Dividend from D. Gregg Estate		2,044 10
Bequests ordered by Synod:		
Mrs. Janet McNaught	$ 585 15	
Mrs. Sarah Glasgow	95 00	
Mr. Henry George	99 90	780 05
Bequest of Mrs. Rebecca Brown		1,842 82
Specially for Mountain Schools		950 00
Specially for Missionary's Salary, Cyprus		500 00
Specially for acct. Missionary's Salary by Elders Ref. Pres. Church		102 65
Specially for acct. Missionary's Salary by Young Women Ref. Pres. Church		575 75
For other special objects		137 50
Total Receipts		$18,838 35

The Expenditures have been—

For Salaries	$12,112 28
Mission expense, Latakia	4,861 93
Mission expense, Suadia, estimated but included in remittances to Latakia	1,000 00
Mission expense, Tarsus	2,929 51

Mission expense, Cyprus	$ 592 16	
Import duties, Cyprus	60 32	
Medical supplies, Cyprus	59 16	
Medical supplies, Tarsus	231 47	
Outfit Rev. H. Easson, balance	200 00	
Special contributions	262 88	
Traveling expenses	1,341 63	
Shipping expenses	842 59	
Small expenses, printing, etc	39 99	
Total Expenditures		$24,533 92
The excess of Expenditures over Receipts being	$5,695 57	
Adding to which the overdraft of last year	3,780 11	
makes this account overdrawn at date		$ 9,475 68

Synopsis of the Report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, May 4, 1897, of the Fund for the Mission in China, Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Receipts have been—

From Congregations		$ 1,227 51
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies		389 20
Individuals		288 58
Rev. D. Metheny, M.D., balance of his pledge of Sept., 1892		1,062 50
Bequest of Mrs. Rebecca Brown, of Phila., Pa.		921 41
Total Contributions		$ 3,889 20

The Expenditures have been—

For Salaries	$ 2,137 79	
Mission expense	53 80	
Total Expenditures		$ 2,191 59
The excess of Receipts over Expenditures being	$ 1,697 61	
Adding to which the balance on hand, May 7, 1896	1,246 20	
leaves the balance in hand at this date		$ 2,943 81

The Literary Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1896.	*Dr.*		
May 18.	To Balance as reported to Synod	$ 614 54	
Oct. 3.	Cash paid for rent of Trunk in Safe Deposit Co., Allegheny, to June 14, '97	5 00	
1897.			
Jan. 28.	Cash paid George Junkin, Treasurer, Synod's quota of expense for 1896 of Alliance Reformed Churches	60 00	
Feb. 4.	Cash paid J. W. Pratt & Son, printing Synod's Statistical Blanks	14 75	
Feb. 23.	Cash paid J. W. Pratt & Son, various bills to date printing Psalters	128 00	
Mch. 5.	Cash paid W. Waters & Son, various bills binding Psalters, to date	315 54	
		$ 1,137 83	
1897.	*Cr.*		
May 13.	By Cash from Rev. R. M. Sommerville, proceeds of sales of Psalters, to date		$ 279 29
	Cash from sales Books Discipline, to date		9 90
	Cash from sales Testimonies, to date		14 70
	Balance carried down		833 94
		$ 1,137 83	$ 1,137 83
1897.	*Dr.*		
May 13.	To Balance brought down	$ 833 94	

The Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1896.	*Cr.*		
May 12.	By Balance		$ 2,007 67
	Dr.		
May 21.	To Cash, paid by order of Board of Sustentation and Church Erection to the following parties:		
	Rev. J. R. Latimer	$ 101 48	
	" T. J. Allen	288 32	
	" Isaiah Faris	184 53	
	" T. C. Sproull	230 66	
	" E. M. Coleman	276 79	
	" Wm. McFarland	115 32	
	" R. B. Cannon, D.D	280 85	
	" D. C. Faris	184 53	
	" T. H. Walker	242 19	
	" S. M. Stevenson	100 00	
	To Balance carried down	3 00	
		$ 2,007 67	$ 2,007 67
1896.	*Cr.*		
May 21.	By balance brought down		$ 3 00
1897.			
May 10.	By contributions to date, as follows:		
	From Chinese Mission, Oakland, Cal..	$ 4 00	
	" Individuals, Oakland, Cal	598 00	
	" Congregations, Oakland, Cal	899 04	
	Total Contributions		1,501 04
	By Dividend from D. Gregg Estate		404 57
			$ 1,908 61

The Church Erection Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1896.	*Cr.*		
May 7.	By Balance		$ 2,025 04
1897.			
May 10.	By Contributions to date, as follows:		
	From Congregations	$ 686 36	
	" Sabbath School	3 00	
	" Individuals	76 00	
	Total Contributions		765 36
	From Synod's Board of Trustees:		
	Dividend D. Gregg Estate		404 57
	Dividend from Invested Funds		187 00
	From interest on note received on acct. of sale of Eckley Church property.		11 40
			$ 3,393 37

The Boys' Industrial School Fund in account with Walter T. Miller, Treas.:

1897.	*Cr.*		
Apr. 21.	By Cash from Sabbath School		$ 9 50
	Dr.		
Apr. 23.	By Cash, included in remittance to Latakia	$ 9 50	
		$ 9 50	$ 9 50

The Beattie Children Fund in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1896.	*Cr.*		
Mch. 30.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		$ 2,937 48
1897.			
Mch. 30.	By Interest, one year at 5 per cent.....		135 62
	Dr.		
Mch. 30.	To Payments at various dates to Miss Julia L. Beattie and Alfred P. Beattie.....	$ 450 00	
Mch. 30.	Balance carried down.....	2,623 10	
		$ 3,073 10	$ 3,073 10
	Cr.		
Mch. 30.	By Balance brought down.....		$ 2,623 10

The Syrian Hospital, Latakia, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1897.	*Cr.*		
Apr. 30.	By Contributions to date, as follows:		
	From Congregations.....		$ 35 59
	From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies.....		572 25
	From Individuals.....		174 00
	Dr.		
Apr. 30.	To payments and remittances to Dr. J. M. Balph, to date.....	$ 391 65	
	Cash paid for medical supplies, to date..	219 43	
	Balance carried down	170 76	
		$ 781 84	$ 781 84
	Cr.		
Apr. 30.	By Balance brought down.....		$ 170 76

The Temporary Investment Fund of the Foreign Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1896.	*Cr.*		
Mch. 30.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		$13,313 39
1897.			
Mch. 30.	Interest on Gift of June 24, 1895.....		40 00
	Interest on the Temporary Investment Fund at 3 per cent., equated as balances have been on hand.....		158 75
	Dr.		
Mch. 30.	To Cash transferred to Current Account Foreign Mission Fund according to terms of Gift of June 24, 1895—two sums of $50.00 each—and interest to date.....	$ 140 00	
	Balance carried down	13,372 14	
		$13,512 14	$13,512 14
	Cr.		
Mch. 30.	By Balance brought down.....		$13,372 14

The Suadia Building Fund No. 2 in account with Walter T. Miller, Treas.:

1896.	*Dr.*		
Mch. 30.	To Balance as reported to Synod.....	$ 206 96	

1897.		*Cr.*		
Jan. 30.	By Cash from W. M. Moore, M.D.....		$	29 55
May 12.	Balance carried down			177 41
		$ 206 96	$	206 96
		Dr.		
May 12.	To Balance brought down.....	$ 177 41		

Suadia Building Fund in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1896.		*Dr.*
May 14.	To Balance overdrawn as reported to Synod	$ 254 44

Account unchanged since report of May 14, 1896.

Summary Report of R. P. Synod's Financial Agent, from June 1, '96, to May 31, '97.

Receipts.			Expenses.		
1896.					
June 1, Balance on hand.....		$207 44	Paid Dr. R. C. Wylie, postage.....	$5 00	
Collected by Rev. W. H. McMaster.....	$25 77		Paid Dr. T. P. Stevenson, traveling.....	13 00	
Collected by Rev. J. L. Jones.....	62 00		Paid Rev. W. H. McMaster, expenses	25 77	
Collected by Prof. J. R. Dill.....	605 21		Paid D. McAllister, expenses.....	32 40	
Collected by Dr. H. H. George	2,329 35		Paid Rev. J. L. Jones, expenses.....	62 00	
Sent directly to Treasurer from individuals and congregations.....	1,730 80		Paid Rev. M. A. Gault, balance in full on salary and expenses.....	200 00	
Proceeds of Fraser Bequest Appropriation....	948 66		Paid Rev. Wm. Weir.....	200 00	
Interest on balance of Mrs. Sterrett Literature Fund	41 00	5,742 79	Paid Rev. J. M. Wylie, postage on literature	111 70	
			Paid Rev. J. S. Martin, postage on literature....	200 00	
			Paid Prof. J. R. Dill, including expenses.	815 21	
			Paid Dr. H. H. George, including expenses of Chicago Convention, and sending out literature..	2,839 54	
			Paid for 100,000 envelopes, tracts, petitions, etc., to fill them, and other printing...	1,151 72	
			Paid rent of office, 11 months, June, '96, to April, '97.....	82 50	
			Paid discount.....	10 17	
			Paid for Nat. Ref. Manuals and copies of *Statesman* for distribution.....	124 00	5,873 01
			Balance on hand.....		77 22
		$5,950 23			$5,950 23

David McAllister, *Treasurer*,
107 Park Way, Allegheny, Pa.

A statement was read by David McAllister.

It is as follows:

Statement by David McAllister.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Permit me to thank you for the kind and brotherly manner in which you have expressed your authoritative judgment

that I should cease publishing articles in the *Christian Statesman* on the Organic Unity of the Church. Had you embodied that judgment in an injunction, I could not conscientiously have submitted to it as "authority in the Lord," and this unhappy condition of things would of course have meant, sooner or later, a much severer censure for what from your standpoint would be regarded as insubordination to your authority. But when, instead of "enjoining" the cessation of writing such articles as a condition of dismissing the charges laid against me, you have dismissed the charges and kindly requested me to cease writing such articles, I can do nothing less than yield due subordination, according to my ordination vow, to this authority as in its manner of exercise, though not, in my judgment, in the essence of it, in harmony with the Divine Word and our Church Covenant.

Let me frankly state my understanding that while you have not restrained my liberty in other respects, you have restrained it in the specified particular as to the publication of articles on the Organic Unity of the Church in the *Christian Statesman*, and this without any limit of time. I recognize, therefore, in the due subordination which I owe to your authority, that I am not at liberty to resume the publication of such articles in the *Christian Statesman* until you shall have recalled your authoritative request.

Being unwilling to edit a paper that is thus by your authority prohibited from exercising the full liberty wherewith, in my judgment, Christ has made His people free, and that by the same authority is forbidden, though in so kind a manner, to testify as a public witness for Christ in the fullest manner possible to the truth, as I understand it, I hereby announce that the publication of the *Christian Statesman* will be suspended with its issue for June 12, until your prohibition shall be, in due order, revoked.

Instead of entering a protest and dissent against this part of the action of Synod, I most respectfully request that this statement of my submission to your authority be published with your Minutes.

DAVID MCALLISTER,

Pub. and Ed. of *Christian Statesman.*

J. F. Crozier, and others, presented reasons for dissent.

REASONS FOR DISSENT.

We, the undersigned, desire to enter our dissent against the action of Synod in case of charges against D. McAllister, for the following reasons:

1. The mode of settlement of the case was a peace compromise, in effecting which the authority of Synod over the parties should have been distributed equally. In dismissing the libel said authority was exercised absolutely over those who conscientiously believe that said libel was relevant, and were by this means seeking to quiet the present agitation in the Church, and they were thus authoritatively estopped from further procedure, in accordance with their individual conscientious convictions, as above; while the party against whom the libel was introduced, being only requested to comply with the will of Synod, was left in full enjoyment of the right to decide for himself whether or not he should so comply. This we cannot but consider a manifestly unequal distribution of the authority of the court, and consequently unjust, establishing an unsafe precedent.

2. The Committee of Conference at first brought in a basis of settlement, in the interests of peace, which, as far as we are able to judge, met with the approval of the vast majority of the Synod. Afterwards, in a supplementary report, said committee materially modified said basis in so far as it affected the party charged, giving as

their reason for so doing that additional information had been laid before them, by which they were influenced to said action, but still withholding said information from the court.

We protest against this as un-Presbyterian, and directly contrary to the spirit and letter of our own Book of Discipline, which requires that said information should have been laid before the court. See Book of Discipline, page 75, sec. 19, as follows: "It being necessary that the judicatory should know all that can be known or declared to others respecting the case on trial, it must avail itself of every kind of information accessible;" and page 78, sec. 29, "No private knowledge possessed by members of the judicatory shall be suffered to influence the decision, as that must be based entirely upon the evidence before the court; but it is the duty of every member of a judicatory to make known to the court, as a witness, everything he may know that is relevant to the case before it, or *may tend to a righteous decision.*" (Italics ours.)

We believe that in this action the above clauses of the Book have not been complied with, and a precedent has been established which is fraught with peril to the Church, *i. e.*, the settlement of cases of discipline with a part of the information necessary to a righteous conclusion withheld from the court having jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Crozier,
H. G. Foster,
G. M. Robb,
P. P. Boyd,
S. M. Orr,
J. Ralston Wylie,
James Graham.

Walton Congregation presented an invitation to Synod to meet in Walton Church, 1898.

Invitation was laid on the table for the present.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully reports:

That, by communicating with superintendents of Sabbath schools, information has been received from nearly all the schools of the Church, from which the following statement has been prepared:

1. The schools are nearly all, directly or indirectly, under the control of Sessions. There are a number, however, remotely connected and a few independent.

2. A large proportion of the pastors are actively employed in the schools, some as superintendents, others as teachers, some reviewing the lesson each day, others each quarter, and others enforcing the lesson with closing remarks.

3. The elders are almost everywhere actively interested in the Sabbath schools as superintendents, teachers or scholars.

4. The literature used in the preparation includes Covenanter productions, United Presbyterian, Presbyterian, Methodist and other

lesson helps. Here we see danger. The literature placed in the hands of the children will mold their minds. The judicious teacher may guard the class against the doctrinal and ritualistic paths that lead away from the Covenanted Church, yet the effects will not always be counteracted. Without Covenanter literature in our Sabbath schools we may expect a generation to spring up around us weak in the blood-bought principles of this Church.

5. The distinctive principles of the Church receive attention usually when they are found in the lesson text. In some schools a class is taught in the Confession of Faith, the Testimony, or the Shorter Catechism. In teaching distinctive principles the teacher finds ample opportunity for effective and faithful work, not in wearisome repetition of denominational tenets, nor by forced construction finding some support in such text for special views of the truth, but by finding in each lesson the massive, towering walls that separate the Church from the world and make a life of holiness unmistakably different from a life of worldliness, and our distinctive principles are the towers of this wall.

6. A very large proportion of the families of the Church are actively connected with the schools, thus sending strength into them and receiving the advantages of them.

7. A new feature of Sabbath school work has recently appeared called the Home Department. This has been introduced into a few congregations, with gratifying success. The people who are not able to attend the school are provided with literature, envelopes and blanks, they agreeing to study the lesson at least one-half hour each week. A special superintendent should have charge of this department to give it greatest success. This keeps those who are providentially shut out of the school in touch with the others in the study of the same Scripture lesson each week.

8. Most of the schools are doing mission work. Several congregations have separate mission schools; some have two, in addition to that in the church. Mission work is thus being done among the Chinese, Italians, Jews and Syrians, besides the poor and neglected of other classes and nationalities.

9. The contributions compare favorably with those of the preceding year. The money collected is variously applied, part being used to supply the school with literature, but most going beyond the congregation into the mission fields.

10. The means employed to maintain and increase the efficiency of the schools are interesting. The following replies have been received from superintendents in answer to the question, What means do you employ to increase the Sabbath school?

"We try to have the best possible school." "Co-operation with the Session, Young People's Society, and the giving of prizes." "Activity on the part of the Outlook Committee." "The employment of a Home Missionary." "Literary entertainments." "Discussion of Bible characters on Review Day." "Praise, prayer and careful study." "Causing each one to feel benefited by the lesson." "Superintendent being prompt and urging the same upon the teachers." "Weekly teachers' meeting." "Visiting the scholars." "Conference of officers." "Employment of good teachers." "Spiritual means." This is a question which presses upon the heart of every

earnest superintendent; nor can it be solved satisfactorily except by unreserved consecration of officers and teachers to the Lord and the celestial fire of love for the Bible and for souls burning in each heart. We offer the following recommendations:

1. That in all cases the Sabbath school be directly placed under the control of the Session.

2. That superintendents be urged to exercise great care to supply pure and healthful literature for the schools.

3. That Synod take action to provide for our Sabbath schools a full line of graded lessons. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFeeters,
A. Kilpatrick,
T. C. Sproull,
Hugh Scott.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report:

Two letters from the Synod of the Church in Scotland have been put into our hands. One of these bears the date of May 23, 1896, and was received too late to be read at our last meeting of Synod. The other comes to us under date of May 18, 1897, and both have been read at the present session.

Your committee has drafted the following letter in reply, and submit it herewith to the approval of Synod.

Respectfully,

G. A. Edgar,
R. C. Montgomery,
R. J. Dodds,
John W. Pritchard,
D. Edgar,
} *Of the Committee.*

LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF SCOTLAND.

Glasgow, 18 May, 1897.

Dear Brethren:

The Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Scotland requests me to convey to you, the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of the United States of America, hearty salutations, and this duty brings me special pleasure.

You will be in the midst of your Synodical labors when this arrives, and my brethren and I are enabled, through our knowledge of the business of your previous Synods, and our perusal of your Church's journals, to realize in some degree the character and variety of your operations. We have always admired the clearness and fearlessness of your pronouncements on the living questions of the hour. The Scriptural principles of a Covenanted Testimony have ever found you their valiant defenders, and false systems in Church and State have found you their irreconcilable foes. Against secularism, the drink traffic, secret societies and other vampires of civilization, you have, again and again, voiced faithful protests. Your efforts in favor of national reform, by which the Lord and His Christ would be exalted by the American people, carried on by you with ceaseless energy and considerable success in presence of many powerful adversaries, are honoring to yourselves, and must eventually be carried to triumph by Him who meanwhile rewards His servants as they labor. But we do specially admire the growth and extent of your missionary enterprises,

both within the States and in foreign lands. You have been greatly honored of God in having such "a breaking forth on the right hand and the left.' And we are joyed to observe that your rate of contributions to mission work is higher than that of any other denomination. The Lord make you to abound yet more and more.

The Convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches held in Scotland last year has drawn our Churches together in closer bonds. The large number of representatives of your Synod who visited the Old World has aroused a deep interest on our side in our Covenant brethren in the New World. The "American Sabbath," on which so many of your ministers conducted services on covenanting battle-fields and by martyrs' birth-places and graves, will be long remembered by the tens of thousands who assembled, and the crowded and enthusiastic meetings in Glasgow and Edinburgh, at which Reformed Presbyterianism was never once ignored, have left impressions which will not fade away in this generation. For the success of those meetings, our little Church this side the Atlantic owes a large debt to those brethren who favored us with their presence from beyond the ocean. Yet, above all, to God be all the glory.

It is earnestly hoped that the Convention then carried through is but the opening one of a series. The Synod has just adopted a resolution declaring our entire sympathy with your Court and Church should you decide to hold the second convention in the States, as anticipated here in July last. Time is short, and such inter-communion is calculated to bind together the hands and hearts of faithful witnesses in their great effort to bring all peoples and nations to the feet of Christ. We might say with Nehemiah, as he looked upon the builders of the walls of Jerusalem in presence of formidable difficulties, "The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, the one far from the other."

We have had a pleasant meeting of Synod. Within the year two new ministers have been added to our number. The little congregation of Thurso, in the extreme north of Scotland, and never hitherto enjoying a stated ministry, has obtained the Rev. James Paterson as their pastor, and the Rev. A. C. Gregg has been translated from the congregation of Ballylaggan, Ireland, to the congregation of Loanhead, near Edinburgh. Both settlements have been carried through with the greatest unanimity and promise the happiest results. The addition of two to our number in the year does not sound high, but you will please not forget how little at best we are "among the thousands of Judah," and that the addition of twenty-five or thirty new ministers in one year to your Synod would not be more surprising and comforting to you in proportion. It is, therefore, a record day with us, yet still a day of small things. We are of the "weak things" and "things that are not."

While we cannot chronicle any special accessions to the membership of the Church or any sign that the principles which we profess are making progress in popular acceptance, our loyalty to our testimony continues unabated. The intelligence and tenacity of the young people of the Church deserve special mention. While unauthorized ceremonies are being multiplied in the surrounding Churches, our youth are not being drawn away from the "simplicity that is in Christ"; and while political partisanship is ever alert in its search for adherents, the members of the Church are persevering in political dissent with uniform steadiness. We do trust that these are evidences of the presence and power of the love of Christ, for where there is no vital religion such a Church as ours exposes herself to the charge of being an embodiment of a "petrified orthodoxy." It is one of the brightest promises to the Church of the future that "Jerusalem shall be called A city of *truth*, and the mountain of the Lord of Hosts, The *holy* mountain."

In the name of our Synod, I offer you, Dear Brethren, most hearty fraternal regards. May the God of all grace, after you have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Ever faithfully yours,

JAMES KERR.

LETTER TO THE SYNOD OF SCOTLAND.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., June 3, 1897.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, greetings:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your earnest letter of last year conveying to

us your fraternal regards and expressing your deep interest in our work, was received after our adjournment, but together with a similar letter of the current year, was read at our present session, and listened to with more than usual interest.

The visit of so many of our members to Scotland a year ago, the fellowship enjoyed in the convention, the hospitality so cordially extended in your homes and the acquaintances thus formed, have strengthened our attachment to the brethren of the mother-country, and deepened our interest in the work of the Church beyond the seas.

Therefore, we rejoice with you in the accession to your numbers and in every other evidence of prosperity you may be able to record, and especially in the continued loyal adherence of your people to the covenanted cause, in the face of much opposition and discouragement.

Our labors during the past year have not been without evidences of divine favor, for which we desire to record our gratitude.

In the work at home, reports presented at this meeting of Synod show the continued activity in, and the deep concern for, the reformatory, witness-bearing and evangelistic movements of our Church

Her educational work has been marked this year by two things worthy of special mention. One is the increased facilities of Geneva College, which will open in the fall with new energy and enthusiasm. A handsome and commodious building for the department of science has been added to her equipment. The other thing worthy of note is the fact that our Theological Seminary has this year had the largest attendance in the history of our Church, and we feel that if the Lord is calling the sons of the Church to His work, it is because He has work yet for the Church to do.

Another forward step has been taken in the establishment of a Home for the aged people, the widows and orphans of the Church, in the city of Allegheny, Penna. The establishment of this institution is largely due to the earnest and benevolent efforts of the women, who, under Synod, have the care and oversight of the Home.

Notwithstanding some apparently discouraging features, our missionary work in the foreign field has been characterized by progress.

Two of our most efficient laborers have resigned, one returning to the home-land and the other continuing her work in another connection. It was with sorrow that we received the intelligence of our Senior Missionary's enfeebled health, which necessitates his retirement from the field where he has labored so long and so faithfully; and with sadder hearts we learn that at this writing he is lying almost at the point of death, unable to return to his native land. But we are not discouraged. We have called for two ordained ministers and one lady missionary to fill up the depleted ranks, and thanking God for the past, we take heart for the future.

With pleasure we assure you that arrangements are in progress to carry out the mind of the Glasgow Convention expressed in its request to the various Synods of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. All our Presbyteries reported favorably on this matter, and Synod has appointed a committee to correspond with representatives of our sister Synods, with a view to holding a similar convention in this country in 1899.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

In behalf of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

G. A. Edgar,
R. C. Montgomery,
R. J. Dodds,
J. W. Pritchard,
David Edgar.
} *Committee on Foreign Correspondence.*

Report of Committee on Missions was taken from the table.

Item 3 was referred to the Central Board.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Committee on Missions.

Your committee would respectfully submit its report that the following papers have been referred to us:

1. Report of Conference on Missions.
2. Report of the Central Board.
3. A petition from the Oakland Mission.
4. Report of the Foreign Mission Board.
5. Petition from L. M. S. of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

A general review of these reports reveals two things: First, that the Church has been passing through a period of extraordinary trials, and second, that under the burden of her many discouragements she has carried forward her work with an encouraging degree of success.

Among other things, the financial stringency of the past year has made itself felt more severely than during previous years, which, coupled with the oppressive rule of the Mohammedan in the East and the constant turmoil caused there by fearful outrages, has made the Church feel her own weakness and her absolute need of a whole reliance on the arm of God.

On the other hand, the fact that in almost every instance the Church has been enabled to carry forward her work in the face of what seemed almost insurmountable obstacles, and in her foreign field shocking dangers, by the self-sacrificing fidelity of her devoted ministers and missionaries, and to enter upon new fields of labor, is satisfying evidence that the Church is trusting in the promise of God and God is sustaining her.

Five congregations have been under the Central Board of Missions during the past year. In almost every instance the reports from these congregations show a self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of Christ and fidelity to the principles of the Church, which were born in time of adversity and strengthened by years of trial.

Four congregations have been receiving aid from the Central Board of Missions. The Church ought to know something more of the actual distress in which some of these struggling congregations are.

The rule of the Synod, in case a congregation under the care of its Board calls and has a pastor settled, is to follow what is known as "the sliding scale," by which the congregation must obligate itself to meet a reduction in pastor's salary of $100 each year after the first year of settlement. In many cases, if not in every case, this proves oppressive and disheartening, and under the present depression threatens the life of some most earnest and devoted congregations.

Denver has asked to be taken again under the care of the Board. The earnest struggle of this faithful flock and the heroic sacrifices of its devoted pastor are worthy of mention.

A Mission inaugurated in Chicago since last Synod and carried on by Rev. J. M. Wylie has already ripened into a promising congregation under the care of this Board.

The *Southern Mission* continues to enlarge itself under the divine favor and its equipment of efficient teachers. Its work in the industrial department is proving the wisdom of its founders and supporters.

The *Indian Mission* also continues to receive signal marks of God's goodness in its rapid growth and the friendly interest manifested by the native Indians. The Church has great reason to rejoice in the fruit of her labors there.

The petition of teachers, Chinese communicants and Chinese pupils in Oakland, Cal., numbering 30 in all, manifests not only a desire and concern that this Mission shall live, but is the expression of faithful and devoted service on the part of its supporters in the midst of the most bitter and trying discouragements.

The faithfulness of the Superintendent, Professor J. H. Willson, who devotes himself to the Mission as far as his enfeebled condition will permit, and of Mrs. Johnston, whose self-sacrificing labors in rallying and supporting the Mission when it was about to sink under great discouragements, ought not to be forgotten in answering this petition.

The work of the Jewish Mission has been hindered for the time by the absence of Mr. Meyer and Mr. Greenberg, who were pursuing their studies in the Seminary. It is to be hoped that this important work shall receive new impetus and a heartier support.

The progress in the Foreign Mission fields has been clearly set forth in the report of its Secretary. The depleted ranks of its workers call for immediate action, and should arrest the attention of those who have consecrated themselves to the service of the Master in the foreign field. At the same time we recognize the appalling truth of this Board's depleted treasury, which means nothing less than the unfulfilled vows of God's people. Let us remember that if we would drink with joy the cup of salvation we must perform our vows before the Lord.

In view of these and other facts mentioned in these reports, we recommend:

1. That Synod, in behalf of the whole Church, expresses its appreciation of faithful services of her Mission Boards in supervising and directing this great department of our Church work, and of the devoted labors of our missionaries in home and foreign fields. Especially would we convey to our afflicted senior missionary, Rev. Dr. Metheny, who lies at the door of death, the deep sympathy of all our people.

2. That Denver and 1st Chicago Congregations be taken under the care of the Central Board of Missions.

4. That the Jewish Mission in Cincinnati be placed under the care of the Cincinnati Congregation to consult and advise with Lakes Presbytery as to the propriety of continuing it at the expense of the Church in general, and if continued, that it receive a proportionate share of the funds contributed by the Church for the Jewish Mission.

5. That the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia be given into the hands of the Philadelphia Presbytery, which Presbytery shall have the management of it, the Treasurer of the Board to pass over to the Treasurer of the Presbytery a proportionate share of the funds given by the Church for Jewish Missions.

6. That an ordained missionary each be sent to Mersina and Latakia, and a lady teacher be chosen to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Jennie B. Dodds. And that this whole matter be referred to the Board of Foreign Missions.

7. That Synod approve Dr. S. A. S. Metheny's effort to establish a hospital, and recommend it to the liberality of the Church.

8. That Synod recommend the selection of a place for a Mission station in China, the selection to be left to the judgment of the missionaries in the field, with the approval of the Board of Foreign Missions.

9. That a special committee be appointed to consider the whole question of a Mission Presbytery in the Syrian field, to report at next meeting.

10. That the matter of re-baptism of converts from non-Protestant sects be referred to the same committee.

11. That we designate the reduction of the principal on the church debts on Denver, Seattle and Topeka properties as a worthy object to which to devote the Sabbath school contributions for the current year, the money to be divided in proportion to the amount of debt.

12. That in view of the increasing debt of the Church to Home and Foreign Missions, the congregations be urged by pastors and sessions in every reasonable way to a supreme effort in the discharge of their vows to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed. { P. J. McDonald, H. P. McClurkin, T. A. Rusk, D. Kilpatrick, J. A. Russell.

Item 3 of Report of Committee on Missions, referred to the Central Board, is as follows:

3d. That in compliance with the motion of Synod, at Cincinnati, 1896, to send an ordained missionary to engage in the work at Oakland, and on the Pacific coast, and in compliance with the petition from Oakland, we recommend that the Rev. T. H. Walker be appointed to the work.

Report of Foreign Mission Board.

There is one word that concisely and accurately describes the work of our Foreign Missions, as contrasted with that of the previous year, and that word is progress. The unrest, occasioned by the uprisings and massacres in different parts of the Turkish Empire, has, in a large measure, passed away. There is still a strong undercurrent of opposition to the representatives of Christianity, and there is no telling when and at what point it may come to the surface with disastrous results. But at present, as for many months, the opposition is not of such a character as to interfere materially with missionary operations. It is spasmodic, and felt injuriously only at particular points. Whether the success of Turkey in its recent conflict with Greece will lead to fresh excesses and complications in Armenia and other Christian centers, the future will determine. In the meantime we can afford to wait, quite confident that, even should the great Powers of Europe continue to stand loyally by the Musselmans, the ultimate result will be a victory for Christianity.

Last spring the Corresponding Secretary of the Board had the pleasure of visiting the Missions in Syria and Asia Minor, and looking minutely into the work. The story of what he saw and heard has been given to the churches, and need not be repeated. But it is only just to put on official record, to the honor of the faithful laborers in these fields, their abiding trust in God under very trying circumstances, their wisdom in dealing with converts who were tempted to avoid persecution by concealing or drawing back from their confession of Christ, and the spirit of hearty self-surrender that was displayed in the discharge of all their duties. Their whole bearing recalled the expression with which Oliver Cromwell closed a famous dispatch to the British Parliament, after one of his great victories: "It may be thought that some praises are due to the gallant men of whose valor so much mention is made. Their humble suit to you, and to all who have an interest in this blessing, is that in the remembrance of God's praises they be forgotten."

Syria.—Both the centers in Syria are able to report accessions to the membership of the Church—fifteen in Latakia and five in Suadia, making a total of 198 communicants in this field. There is also manifest a revived interest on the part of converts in divine and spiritual things, and a deeper sense of the obligations growing out of Church relationship. Special prominence has been given to the ministry of the Word. Everywhere the Saviour has been lifted up in the faithful preaching of the Gospel, and, except in Jendairia and Bahamra where the opposition of the authorities has been most severely felt for years, to comparatively large audiences, and with the results that invariably follow the presentation of a whole Christ. Great joy was brought to our friends in the Orontes Valley by the spiritual results that were visible in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper in the spring, one of the converts who took the oath of allegiance on that occasion being a pupil from the girls' school, the first fruit of Miss Cunningham's labors there. In Gunaimia, too, the last Communion was a season of special refreshing from the presence of the Lord. And at Tartoos, in the extreme southern part of the field, a licentiate of good attainments has been stationed with his family, thus giving the people in that community, for the first time in the history of the Syrian Mission, an opportunity to hear regularly, from the lips of a consecrated man, the story of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to see in his home the meaning of Christian family life.

This Mission also reports four Sabbath schools, with an average attendance of 405 pupils and 26 teachers, who seem to realize that the crowning aim of Christian service is soul-winning. In the week-day schools, of which four have Boarding departments, where 66 boys and 142 girls not only receive daily religious instruction, but are constantly surrounded by nurturing Christian influences, there were 497 pupils and 17 teachers doing effective work.

The medical department, which has always been an important branch of missionary service in Latakia, gives promise of even greater efficiency since Dr. Balph has completed arrangements for a hospital there. This form of work, while it necessarily limits outside service, will afford him and Miss Willia Dodds, who was at his urgent request appointed matron, fresh opportunities of reaching

many with the Gospel, who might not otherwise be brought under Christian instruction and influence.

Some changes have been made in the location of the working force in this field. In the autumn of last year Dr. W. M. Moore was transferred to Cyprus, and more recently Miss Edgar has been stationed at Suadia, where she will have charge of the Girls' School during the temporary absence of Miss Cunningham, who has gone to England for a few months of needed rest. This arrangement leaves the Misses Wylie and McNaughton alone in Latakia. In the judgment of the Board the American laborers in this center of operations should be increased by the early appointment of another ordained minister to be associated with Mr. Stewart, that he may be at liberty to visit and preach more frequently in the outlying stations. The present condition of our missionary force in Asia Minor forcibly reminds us that the success of evangelistic work in any field should never be allowed to hinge on the life or caprice of one man.

Asia Minor.—The return of Rev. R. J. Dodds to this country left our senior missionary, Dr. Metheny, alone in Mersina. For a long time the latter had been in feeble health and needed absolute rest. Last summer the Secretary of the Board found him in a very critical condition, but even then his tremendous will-power was asserting itself as usual and carrying him through tasks that would have been fatal to a man of less determination. Long after he was unable to do duty, and often when he should have been in bed, he continued to preach on the Sabbath once or twice, naturally anxious to shepherd his little flock. The strain, however, was too much for him, and, while in the midst of preparation to return to America with his family, he was forced to lie down and cease from further effort. The necessary retirement of Dr. Metheny from active service will leave this field without a minister. The Board expected that Mr. Dodds, after a brief interval of rest and change of scene, would go back to his chosen work. But his resignation on the 30th of March and subsequent decision that he could "not see his way clear to withdraw" it, create a vacancy that should be filled at once. Here is a splendid opportunity for a young man who has been called of God and is ready to give himself to God for life-service anywhere. It means self-surrender, but it means joy.

Under the circumstances, the work has been very successful. Owing to the weakness of Dr. Metheny the Lord's Supper was not administered during the winter, though a date had been fixed for that purpose and some had intimated their intention to apply for membership in the church. The statistics still show 38 communicants, after deducting ten who have removed to other lands, this total including, as we assume, the missionaries and some of their children. Since the complete prostration of Dr. Metheny in February social meetings have been held twice on Sabbath and as usual during the week, and every effort is being made to keep the people alive unto God. In August, 1896, the Fellaheen School of 35 children, in Tarsus, was closed by the arrest and imprisonment of the teacher, who, however, since his release, has been employed as an evangelist to the villages in the vicinity of that city. There is also a little school of nineteen children in Fuzne. But the work has been largely confined to Mersina, where the schools report 64 boys and 39

girls in attendance. Miss Sterrett and Miss Dodds have had their time and energies taxed to the utmost by this large increase in the numbers of pupils. Some one, however, will be needed to take the place of Miss Jennie B. Dodds, at the head of the Boys' School, as she has tendered her resignation, to take effect in the autumn, at the close of her fourth year in the service of the Church, when she expects to be married to Rev. S. H. Kennedy, and will make her home in Antioch.

The medical department of the Mission is in charge of Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, who reached the field in August, 1896. His knowledge of Arabic enabled him to enter upon the work at once. His clinics have been largely attended, and he desires, with the approval of the Church, to establish a hospital. Mrs. D. Metheny has generously offered the necessary rooms, rent free, for a term of ten years. The furnishing of them will depend entirely upon the liberality of the friends of this form of evangelistic work.

Cyprus.—Turning to Cyprus, we find that the brethren there are very much encouraged. Rev. Henry Easson reached the island September 27, 1896, and with his medical associate, Dr. W. M. Moore, who arrived two or three weeks later, has been busy ever since. The Gospel has been preached every Sabbath in three languages, and the services have been fairly well attended. It is expected that the British and Foreign Bible Society will operate through the agency of our Mission in its efforts to put the Word of God into the hands and homes of the people. In case a tentative arrangement with that Society is made permanent the Mission will station three experienced evangelists, who understand both Greek and Turkish, one in Larnaca, another in Limasal, and a third in Nicosia, the capital, hoping in this way to control the three largest cities on the island. "These men," writes Mr. Easson, "will be centers around which we can gather any Protestant Armenians or others who may have made their homes there, and any Cypriote who may wish to join us will not find himself alone."

Dr. Moore holds tri-weekly clinics, at which half an hour is spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Licentiate Daoud, who points the waiting people to the great physician. Our missionary has thus been brought into direct personal contact with hundreds of souls. The prospect of ultimate success seems bright.

Details in regards to each of these Missions will be found in the statements received from the missionaries, which will be printed with this general report for the information of the churches.

China.—The news in regard to the work in China is of the most encouraging character. Messrs. Robb and McBurney have passed a successful examination on the Canton Colloquial, to which they had devoted their first year's study. The examiner, Rev. Andrew Beattie, of the Presbyterian Mission, has kindly sent the Board a formal report of their standing, with the percentage received on "written examination, reading, explaining text and conversation." The result is quite satisfactory.

No definite decision has yet been reached in regard to a center of operation, but probably a field will be chosen within a few weeks. Mr. Robb has forwarded a newspaper clipping which contains a letter from the British Minister at Peking in regard to the opening of

the West River to foreign trade this summer. From this official communication to the Chamber of Commerce, it appears that an agreement was signed at Peking on the 4th of February, on behalf of the British Government, "by which the Chinese Government engage to open the following places, namely, Wuchow Fu in Kwangsi and Samshui City and Kongkung Market as Treaty ports and Consular stations, with freedom of navigation for steamers between Samshui and Wuchow and Hongkong and Canton, by a route from each of these latter places to be selected and notified in advance by the Imperial Maritime Customs, and also that the following four places shall be established as ports of call for goods and passengers, namely, Kongmoon, Komchuk, Shuihing and Takhing, the agreement to come into force within four months of signature."

Two of the places named, one a Consulate and the other a port of call, are entirely unoccupied territory. Samshui is situated at the junction of the West and North Rivers, and has easy access to more places than any other point in the province. Takhing, about 150 miles west of Canton City and halfway between Shuihing and Wuchow Fu, is a city of 50,000 inhabitants, and in the surrounding district there is an immense population. "Either of these places," writes Mr. Robb, "will give us practically as free communication with the outer world as it has at Hong Kong. At the same time, they will, for a while at least, be practically free from some influences that inevitably exist in places where there are many foreigners, and that do not make for Christianity. Further, these places are sure to be centers of influence over vast districts, and will soonest feel the pulse of civilization. Besides, the magistrate at Takhing is favorable to Christianity. So far as I know, he is the only official in the Province who has expressed himself in that way. It is true he may be removed at any time to another place, but while he remains, the difficulties in getting a place and buildings, which are usually encountered, would be reduced to a minimum."

We ask Synod to recommend the selection of one of these unoccupied points. The preference is for Takhing, as being only a port of call, it is more likely than a Consulate to escape the hurtful influences of foreign business men. But the missionaries would like to have the choice between these two places left to their own judgment, with the approval of the Board.

Finances.—Special attention is called to the financial condition of the Missions. The contributions to the new work in China were $1,697 more than the expenditure, which was largely for the salaries of missionaries, and at the close of the fiscal year there were, including the balance on hand a year ago, $2,943 in the Treasury to the credit of this Mission. But the churches should remember that with the choice of a field and the employment of teachers and helpers to carry forward the work, there will necessarily be an increase in the outlay, and they should be prepared to meet it. But what has the Treasurer to say about the financial condition of the Syrian Mission? He comes to Synod reporting an overdraft of $9,475, showing that the pledged supporters of this work, instead of seeking to pay the debt reported last year, have allowed it to be multiplied by three. There have been some extraordinary expenses the last twelve months, but not enough to account for this tremendous overdraft.

This debt has to be paid, and it ought not to be paid by any transfer of invested funds to current expense account, but by each one, who failed to implement his engagement last year, honestly paying all arrearages, and ever afterward giving to the foreign missionary work its fair proportion of the ten per cent. on his yearly income that he owes to God. How the representatives of congregations can vote for an extension of missionary work and an increased appropriation to meet the new outlay, and then go home to forget their responsibility, is inexplicable.

Syrian Presbytery.—Another matter that claims attention is the Syrian Presbytery. The intention of the Board in asking for a Presbytery seems to have been misunderstood. What we wanted was simply a Mission Presbytery to take the place of the old Commission that had long ago ceased to hold regular meetings and only came together when directed to do so for some specified purpose. There was no Court to which converts could appeal from decisions of Sessions, however unjust. The native elders had no voice in the management of Church affairs outside their own congregation. For these, among other reasons, it was felt that there should be a Presbytery of which all the ordained missionaries would be *ex officio* members, and in which each congregation would be represented, and would have an opportunity of introducing and discussing with their American brethren questions of general interest to the native Church. The Board did not have in view a Presbytery in which the missionaries would be amenable to discipline and into which a native member could drag them at pleasure for any and every fancied grievance.

There is a division of opinion on the field, not as to the value of such a Court, but as to the extent of its powers, and consequently no meeting was held last year. The Board therefore asks Synod to replace the names of the missionaries on the roll of their respective Presbyteries in this country and appoint a Committee to consider the whole question of a Mission Presbytery, and report at next meeting.

Re-baptism of Converts.—It only remains to say a single word in regard to the question referred to the Board as to the re-baptism of converts from non-Protestant sects in our Mission fields. We have no minute to present for the consideration of this Court. We are not of one mind in the matter. There are confessedly so many difficulties connected with it that we believe it should be put into the hands of a small committee of ministers who are thoroughly acquainted with the history and usages of the Church, with instructions to report at next meeting. There is no need of haste. It is wiser to go slow in a matter that involves so many vital interests. A surface reading of the paper referred to us seems to indicate that the petitioners wish Synod to reverse the practice in regard to the baptism of converts that has prevailed since the inception of the Missions. But that is not the burden of their desire. Their request really is—and it is a reasonable request—that whatever decision may be reached shall be accompanied by a clear and full statement of the grounds on which the action is taken, and especially that they shall be furnished with Scripture authority for whatever service is required of them in the exercise of their office as ministers of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

R. M. Sommerville, *Cor. Sec.*

Report of the Central Board of Missions.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

By the action of last Synod Youngstown, Mansfield, Saint Louis, Topeka and Wahoo Congregations were left under our care.

Rev. G. M. Robb, who was in charge of Youngstown, when we made our last report, resigned at our meeting, June 11, 1896. Another appointment was made but declined. The congregation, which is quite weak numerically and financially, will be taken care of in the future by Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Rev. George Benaugh commenced to labor in Mansfield, Ohio, on the first Sabbath of June. He resigned on February 1st, but agreed to remain until the meeting of Synod. The congregation, which numbers but 48 members, is making a very earnest effort to maintain the ordinances, and the Board has appointed Mr. Benaugh to labor there for the next ten months.

Mr. R. M. Blackwood labored in St. Louis from the 1st of October, 1896, to the middle of January, 1897, when he resigned to accept the call to Bloomington Congregation. He was succeeded by Rev. R. J. Dodds, who is still in charge. The prospects of this congregation are encouraging. The attendance on the public services is growing. The congregational prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening, and the Young People's on Sabbath evening, are well attended and very interesting. The Bible class on Sabbath morning, which is taught by Mr. Dodds, is quite large. A Sabbath school has not as yet been organized.

Rev. H. P. McClurkin, D. D., commenced work in Topeka Congregation on the first Sabbath of June. He is still in charge. The services are well attended and the different organizations are doing effective work. The congregation is hopeful with reference to its future.

Rev. W. C. Paden entered upon work at Wahoo on the third Sabbath of September. The congregation is weak numerically, numbering but 44, and has suffered much from the general financial depression. The members hope the worst is over and that the congregation will enjoy a season of prosperity. Mr. Paden preaches occasionally to a small colony of Covenanters in Cherry County, Nebraska.

On account of failing health, Rev. J. M. Wylie resigned the pastorate of Denver Congregation. The Board continued as stated supply Rev. T. H. Acheson, who had taken charge during the period of Mr. Wylie's absence. A call was moderated in favor of Mr. Acheson, accepted, and he has been installed pastor. The Board agreed to supplement the salary to the amount of $600.00 for one year, and thereafter as it is able and the circumstances require.

Soon after the meeting of Synod, steps were taken to carry out Synod's recommendation with reference to the "opening of new stations in our large cities." Chicago was selected as the most inviting field, and Rev. J. M. Wylie, whose health had improved, was appointed to investigate. His report was so encouraging that he was appointed missionary at our meeting on the 24th of August, 1896, and entered at once on his work. A room was secured at 6530 Cottage Grove Avenue, South Chicago, about seven miles from the

heart of the city. Services are held every Sabbath. A Wednesday evening prayer-meeting, a Sabbath school and a Y. P. S. C. E. have been organized and are well attended.

On the 23d of April a commission of Iowa Presbytery organized the First Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Chicago. 31 members were enrolled. Three elders were installed and three deacons ordained and installed. A fourth was elected but could not be present. On the following Sabbath the Lord's Supper was dispensed, when 31 sat down together at the table. It is expected that about ten others will soon unite with the Church. Considering the difficulties that have to be overcome, the prospects of the congregation are as encouraging as could be expected.

We rejoice that at last in this great city, to which so many, especially of our young, are attracted, and where the temptations to a life of carelessness and sin are so numerous and powerful, our efforts to secure a foothold have been successful. It ought to be added that the timely action of the Iowa Presbyterial Christian Endeavor Society, resolving to appropriate the amounts of money reported from the local societies to the support of this Mission for four years, did much to encourage the Board to undertake Mission work in Chicago.

Our brother, Mr. Wylie, who has been unceasing in his labors, asked the Board to appoint some one in his place for a time, that he might take a much-needed rest. The request was granted, and Mr. C. McLeod Smith, who was licensed this spring, was appointed to take charge during his absence. Mr. Smith has entered upon his work.

Kansas City, Seattle and Kent, Monongahela and McKeesport and Washington still receive supplements from your Board. The condition of each of these congregations is such as to encourage the hope that they will ere long become self-supporting.

Your Board, in connection with the pastor of Beaver Falls Congregation, has arranged for a conference on the whole subject of "Home Missions." The programme will be laid on Synod's table by Mr. Glasgow.

In the expectation that the collections would justify us in paying to Presbyteries at least half the amount appropriated by Synod, 50 per cent. was forwarded to the respective treasurers. We find, however, at the close of the year, that our treasury is overdrawn to the amount of $599.31; *i. e.*, after paying but one-half of what Synod appropriated, we are $599.31 in debt. We urge upon Synod the necessity for adopting such measures as will secure larger collections for this most important department of Church work.

Balance	$542.22
Receipts from congregations	1,363.27
" " dividends	1,396.07
" " bequests and other societies	3,764.12
	$7,067.68
Expenditures	7,666.99
Balance overdrawn	$599.31

We ask for this Mission $6,000.00.

SOUTHERN MISSION.

The condition of this Mission continues to be most gratifying. The members who were reported last year as having been brought into the Church are holding fast to their profession, with the exception of a few who had to be brought under discipline. There has been an accession of four. The congregation has held its own financially, and will close the year clear of debt. A new roof was put on the church building last fall, at a total cost of $112.20, $87.45 of which was paid out of money on hand. The remainder was raised by the congregation.

The teachers in the school are Mrs. G. Simms, Miss Lillian Hobbie, Miss Mary A. Dodds, Miss Margaret McCartney, Miss Sophia Kingston and Miss Mary J. George. Miss Kate Woods, one of the graduates, was employed to assist Mrs. Simms.

Mr. McLaury, from Kortright, N. Y., was appointed to take charge of the work in the Boys' Industrial School. On account of the scarcity of funds the Board was not able to employ as many teachers as were needed in the school, and Mrs. S. McIsaacs kindly consented to take charge of a room during the morning session for four months. Rev. Solomon Kingston acted as substitute in the third grade, while Miss Dodds gave instruction in music. The term opened on September 28th and closed on May 20th.

The first day's enrollment was 175; at the end of the first month it reached 344. For the year it has been 495, with an average attendance of 390. In order to provide additional accommodations, one of the unused rooms was fitted up at an expense of about $10. The desks were made in the boys' workshop, and serve the purpose quite well. This room was put in operation on the first of December, and continued until the first of April, Mrs. McIsaacs being in charge in the morning and Mr. McLaury in the afternoon. Most of the pupils were from the country and could not remain after that date. In order to make provision for the large number of pupils in the primary grade, averaging during the entire term from 100 to 125, a small room on the second floor was fitted up with benches and Miss Kate Woods placed in charge as assistant to Mrs. Simms. A large number will be promoted from this grade this year. The other rooms, which have as many pupils as they can well accommodate, will then be crowded.

The receipts from the school, including receipts from music lessons, have been $749.64. Owing to having to employ additional help in teaching, the monthly expenses have been larger than in previous years. There is now a balance in the treasury of $189.94. Valley Creek Day School, under charge of Mr. Phillips, has an enrollment of 40, with an average attendance of about 30. Pleasant Grove, under the care of Mr. Pickens, has an enrollment of 63, with about the same average attendance. In the Sabbath school in the former place there is an attendance of about between 40 and 50; in that of the latter about 30. The Sabbath school at Pine Grove, under Mr. G. G. McLaury, is still carried on with an attendance of about 30. The other Sabbath school, east of Selma, was closed during the cold weather, as no suitable building could be obtained in which to hold it. It has been opened again.

The workshop, under the charge of Mr. McLaury, has earned a little this year. In addition to fitting up the rooms in our own building for school purposes, Mr. McLaury filled an order for thirty benches from the U. P. Mission at Summerfield, ten miles north of Selma. A number of small articles, made chiefly by the boys, were sold at a price a little above the cost of material.

The friends were encouraged by the presence of Dr. McFarland and Elder R. J. Bole, of Beaver Falls, who visited the Mission. We call the attention of Synod and the Church to the needs of this Mission.

Balance	$318.14
Receipts	1,401.28
From congregations	207.91
From dividends	3,289.84
	$5,217.17
Expenditures	4,717.63
Balance	$499.54

We ask for this Mission $5,000.

INDIAN MISSION.

The year just closed has been in many respects a very satisfactory one.

The lives of all the workers at the Mission and of all the members in the Church have been preserved. Mr. Carithers, who was for some weeks seriously ill, has been entirely restored to health.

The confidence of the Indians in the work seems to be growing, and the tokens of friendship are more marked.

Mr. Carithers is assisted by Miss Alice Carithers, Miss Kate McBurney, Miss Jennie Speer and Miss Maggie Walkinshaw, a member of Clarinda Congregation, who was appointed to assist in household and Mission work, and entered upon her duties in October. Mr. George C. Robb, of North Cedar Congregation, has now the care of the farm, taking the place of Mr. Bull, who asked to be relieved. Mr. Robb's knowledge of the use of carpenter's tools is of great advantage to the Mission, and also useful in training the boys.

Almost all the converts have given good evidence of growth in spiritual life. A few have not lived up to their knowledge, but in no case has there been the rejection of the way, but rather lapses from the path of duty.

Services have been held regularly in the Mission building and at Lime Creek. The audience varies from 75 to 150, the average being about 125.

Rev. D. H. Coulter, D. D., and Elder J. W. Dougherty, of Sterling, a commission appointed by Kansas Presbytery to assist in the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, were appointed by the Board to visit the Mission and report. The Sacrament was administered on the second Sabbath of May. Rev. G. R. McBurney took part in the service. A number of members of the Church who live in the Territory, and among whom Mr. McBurney has been laboring, were also present. Deep interest was manifested by the Indians. From three

to four hundred encamped in the vicinity and crowded the chapel each day during service. On Sabbath Dr. Coulter preached to over two hundred Indians in the church, and Mr. McBurney to nearly one hundred in an overflow meeting in the barn loft. Twelve were received into the Church, all Indians except one. Fifty-one communed, thirty being Indians. There are now thirty-two Indian members.

The school work was carried on without interruption during the school year. There was no trouble in getting all the children that could be cared for, and in fact late in the session Mr. Carithers was obliged to refuse some who desired to attend.

The new building did not materially enlarge the capacity, the object being to make the care of the children more efficient and the work of the teachers easier. This building, partly erected a year ago, was finished and occupied most of the year. It is well suited for the purpose intended. The money expended in its construction was raised for this special purpose. A surplus remains in the treasury sufficient to buy a few tools for the workshop.

Enrolled	51
Total number of days of school	279
Number present every day	31
Total number of days attendance	12,549
Total number of verses of Scripture committed by the school	7,989
Largest number committed by one pupil	613
Penny collection during the year, this to Syria	$37.01
Thank offering at the Communion time, May 9, '97, to India	44.60

The work on the farm was not so productive as in some previous years, owing to the prolonged drought. A barn has been erected, built out of the proceeds obtained from the sale of cattle out of the Mission herd. It has proved quite a saving.

A neat and substantial house, with four rooms and a porch, has been built for the farmer, and also adjoining it a small house to shelter travelers. Improvements have been made in other buildings, and care has been taken that the property does not deteriorate. The relation of the missionaries to the representatives of the Government has been harmonious and pleasant. In a number of instances they have indicated their appreciation of the work being done. The missionaries acknowledge with thanks the kind aid received from congregations, societies and individuals. These tokens of appreciation make the work less expensive and more effective, and greatly encourage the hearts of the workers.

The Woman's Presbyterial Society of Pittsburgh Presbytery continues to manifest the liveliest interest in this Mission.

Balance	$2,701.13
Receipts from congregations	628.71
From bequests and other sources	2,262.91
	$5,592.75
Expenditures	3,664.59
Balance	$1,928.16

We ask for this Mission $2,000.

CHINESE MISSION.

At its first meeting after the adjournment of Synod, the Board took action looking to "the sending of an ordained minister to engage in the work at Oakland and the Pacific Coast." Two appointments were made but both were declined. The expenditure of means during the year has been confined to Oakland, California, and it is the purpose of the Board to continue on this line. The funds on hand amounting to $2,333.96, warrant us in maintaining the work at the present rate of expenditure, without aid from the Church. But a petition has been received from the Mission which is hereby referred to Synod, and this may cause the need of an appropriation.

Professor James H. Willson has carefully superintended the work, laboring to the measure of his enfeebled physical strength. Miss Mary Hill is a faithful and diligent teacher. Miss Trimble, of Seattle Congregation, was appointed at our April meeting as an additional teacher for three months till July.

Rev. N. R. Johnston and wife, whose home is still in Oakland, have given cordial help as in former times, Mrs. Johnston in teaching and Mr. Johnston in the morning services. We have given to him $150 out of the mission funds in recognition of their aid.

Chung Gil and Na Sing have done good work as interpreters and helpers in the school.

The number of pupils enrolled is 56; average daily attendance, 11.4. Total collection for all purposes, $113.40.

Balance	$2,718.53
From congregations	42.33
Bequests and other sources	513.29
	$3,274.15
Expenditures	945.69
Balance	$2,328.46

JEWISH MISSION.

These missions are located, the one in the Clinton Street Church, Cincinnati, and the other in the Lombard Street, Philadelphia, home, belonging to the family of our foreign missionary, Dr. Metheny. The former was in charge of Mr. Louis Meyer until the beginning of October, when he entered the Seminary, but is now in charge of Miss Mary Patterson; the latter of Mr. Moses Greenberg.

The former reports an enrollment in the kindergarten of 20, all Jews except 3; average attendance, 14; in the sewing school of 10, all Jews; in the boys' school of 15, all Jews but 1; average attendance, 8; in the young woman's class for the study of English 10, all Jews.

The outlay has been $646.40.

The latter reports 3 families (14 persons) receiving regular Christian instruction; an average attendance at Sabbath evening services of 25, Sabbath school 23, sewing school 30, all that can be accommodated; from 16 to 30 patients each month at the dispensary. Mr. Greenberg has visited during the year 2,075 homes, and distributed 1,700 evangelical papers in the Jewish language, 250 in the Jewish

and Hebrew languages, 125 New Testaments in the same, and much other literature.

The outlay has been $573.13.

Mr. Greenberg has been attending the Seminary during the winter. He was licensed by Philadelphia Presbytery. Mrs. Greenberg had charge of the work in his absence.

Both of these missions were started by congregations, the former by the Cincinnati Church and the latter by the Second Philadelphia Church. The Board was simply at first made the medium of sending them the funds gathered from the Church at large by the urgency of the congregations concerned in them. By resolution of last Synod these missions were taken entirely from the care of these congregations and placed under the management of the Board. This increased the demand upon our time for attention to details, and we, therefore, have endeavored to secure the co-operation of the congregations originally concerned in their missions in attending to details of management. But in both cases we have failed. In the one case owing to objections from the congregation, in the other from the missionary.

This Board has necessarily the management of work that lies beyond the bounds of our congregations and has no need to have its duties unnecessarily multiplied. We do not think that the work in either Cincinnati or Philadelphia is such that it need devolve directly on us. Several of our congregations are conducting missions without either Presbyterial or Synodical oversight. We, therefore, recommend as to the Jewish Mission in Cincinnati, that it be left in the hands of the Cincinnati Congregation to consult and advise with Lakes Presbytery as to the propriety of continuing it at the expense of the Church in general, and if continued, that it receive a proportionate share of funds contributed by the Church for Jewish Mission work. We recommend as to the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia, that inasmuch as the missionary desires a more enlarged direction of his work than that of the church session, the mission in Philadelphia be given into the hands of the Philadelphia Presbytery, the Presbytery to have the oversight and management of it, the Treasurer of this Board passing over to the Treasurer of the Presbytery a proportionate share of whatever may be contributed for Jewish Mission work by the Church. We ask for the coming year, for Jewish Mission work, the sum of ———, the money to be divided by the Treasurer in proportion to the necessary expenses of the two missions, or given altogether to the work in Philadelphia if the work in Cincinnati be discontinued as a general church work.

Balance	$499.05
From congregations	586.03
From other sources	687.60
	$1,772.68
Expenditures	1,219.53
Balance	$553.15

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Sproull, *Chairman.*
A. C. Coulter, *Secretary.*
W. J. Coleman, *Cor. Secretary.*

MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference met according to arrangement of the Central Board in the Central Allegheny Church, on Tuesday, May 25, at 2 P. M., and was opened with prayer by the Chairman of the Board, Rev. J. W. Sproull.

The following members of the Board were present at the Conference: J. W. Sproull, D. B. Willson, R. J. George, D. McAllister, R. C. Wylie, D. C. Martin, A. C. Coulter, S. McNaugher, Sr., and W. J. Coleman.

The following representatives of Presbyteries were present: S. McNaugher, Jr., of New York Presbytery; J. C. McFeeters, of Philadelphia Presbytery; A. Kilpatrick, of Pittsburgh Presbytery; G. A. Edgar, of Kansas Presbytery; T. H. Acheson, of Colorado Presbytery; T. P. Robb, of Iowa Presbytery; J. G. Reed, of Illinois Presbytery.

Thos. McFall, of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Presbytery; J. S. Thompson, of Ohio Presbytery, and J. B. Gilmore, of Rochester Presbytery, sent communications to the Conference.

A statement of the needs of each Presbytery in sustaining the ordinances in its weak congregations was made by the representative of the respective Presbyteries.

It was decided to take up and act upon the requests from the Presbyteries separately.

The following recommendations were made to the Synod:

1. That $400 be granted to New York Presbytery. $200 for Kortright and $200 for Brooklyn.
2. That $570 be granted to Rochester Presbytery. $500 for Syracuse and $70 for Lochiel.
3. That $325 be granted to Philadelphia Presbytery for Baltimore and Conococheague Congregations.
4. That Mansfield be left under the care of the Board; that Ohio Presbytery be granted $100 for Muskingum and Tomica Congregation and $50 for Middle Wheeling, and that New Concord be granted $300 of a supplement in case a pastor is secured.
5. That $600 be granted to Pittsburgh Presbytery in aid of its weak congregations.
6. That $800 be granted to Kansas Presbytery to aid its weak congregations, the money to be distributed according to arrangements already made by that Presbytery with these congregations.
7. That St. Louis Congregation remain under the care of the Board.
8. That $500 be granted to N. B. and N. S. Presbytery. $200 to St. John, $200 to Cornwallis and $100 to Barnesville Congregations.
9. That Chicago Congregation be placed under the care of the Board.
10. That Denver Congregation be placed under the care of the Board.
11. Lakes Presbytery asks $200 for Fair Grove.
12. Vermont Presbytery asks $100 for Ryegate.

The Chairman of the Conference was appointed to request the pastor of Beaver Falls Congregation to arrange for a collection in the meeting for conference on Home Missions, the proceeds to be used

for the benefit of Denver Congregation, which, by reason of an oversight, was not placed under the care of the Board last year.

If the collections received by the Treasurer during the coming year for the support of Home Missions should not be sufficient to meet these appropriations, it is recommended that the Board be directed by Synod to pay them *pro rata* as far as the means received will permit, and that this *pro rata* division of the money received be deemed a settlement in full with the Presbyteries.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the Chairman in case another meeting be considered necessary.

Prayer by T. P. Robb.

W. J. Coleman,
R. C. Wylie, } *Secretaries.*

The reference to finance in Report of Colorado Presbytery, as to employing some or all of moneys in Chinese Home Mission Treasury, was referred to the Central Board.

Committee on the Signs of the Times reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Signs of the Times.

Your Committee on the Signs of the Times would simply indicate, without discussion, the following causes of thanksgiving:

1. While suffering from many deserved judgments, our exemption as a nation from famine, pestilence and the horrors of war, under which inflictions other portions of the world are heavily bowed down.

2. The judgments of God in our own land, and other lands, are opening wide and effectual doors for pressing forward evangelistic, mission and reform work, and preparing the way for the transformation of the kingdoms of this world into the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

3. The extraordinary progress in our country of the principles of Christian civil government, one of the most significant indications of which has been seen in the acknowledgment of the Mediator in the President's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

4. The remarkable increase in our own Church, and other Churches, of the number of young men devoting themselves to the work of the ministry.

5. The harmonious gathering and wide hearing given to the proceedings of the Convention of Covenanters in the land of the covenants.

6. The drawing together of evangelical Christians in the practical work of the Gospel, as, for example, in Sabbath and temperance and social purity work, and in such conferences as have been held by the students of some of our theological seminaries.

7. The good hope of eternal life still set before us, and the promise and, in some good measure, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the evidence of His working on the souls of men.

For these and other causes, we recommend that Synod appoint the day of national thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25, as a day to be observed by all our families and congregations.

Side by side with the above causes of thanksgiving, your committee again simply indicate the following causes of fasting, as the Church has reason to-day, as of old, to sing of both mercy and judgment:

1. God is speaking to us in the warning voice of floods, fires and continued financial depression.

2. The want of the high degree of spiritual power, which should be enjoyed in a Church holding, like our own, to so high a standard of doctrine and practice.

3. The withholding of the Lord's portion by so many of our people from the work to which we are all called to devote our resources and energies.

4. The lamentable want of confidence and unity among some of our members, by which our spiritual progress is greatly hindered.

5. The inadequate measure of supplication for the outpouring upon us of the Holy Spirit, without whose blessed influences all our efforts to win souls and bring the nations into acknowledged subjection to Christ must prove deplorable failures.

For these and other reasons, Synod appoints Thursday of the week of prayer, January 6, 1898, to be observed by all our families and congregations as a day of humiliation and confession and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David McAllister,
S. Kingston,
T. H. Walker,
John W. Pritchard,
Samuel George.

Special Committee on National Reform reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

National Reform.

Your committee, to whom was referred the memorial with reference to the present duty of the Church towards National Reform, report, in reply to the memorialists, as follows:

Believing that the crowning reason for the existence of our Church, as a separate organization of the followers of Christ, are the principles which we hold as to civil society, we would say that we regard it to be our present duty unceasingly to urge the acceptance of these principles on the part of our nation, and the exaltation of our Saviour King to His rightful place of supreme authority over our land.

We would also add, that we regard the times as especially opportune for effective National Reform work, and feel that our position of political dissent lays us under peculiar obligation to pray and to labor with untiring zeal for the removal from our Government of the immoralities of which we so justly complain. To effect this desirable consummation, we should concentrate our efforts as a Church,

and embrace every opportunity to press, in every proper way, upon our nation its duty to recognize Christ as its Mediatorial King.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Black,
R. C. Wylie,
J. McCracken,
J. A. McAteer,
John Hunter,
} *Committee.*

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary and Education was taken from the table. Report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Theological Seminary and Education.

We would respectfully report, that we find the seminary enjoying the blessing of God. We rejoice in the increased number of students, and take this as a token of the favor of God, and a promise of enlargement in the work of Christ.

We recommend:

1. An increase in the collection for the Students' Aid Fund.

2. That the Board be permitted to provide instruction in vocal music and elocution.

3. That we approve the action of the Board in regard to the time of licensure and the time of graduation of the second and third year classes.

4. That the time for which D. McAllister and Walter T. Miller were appointed having expired, they be elected their own successors on the Board of Superintendents.

The college also has enjoyed great prosperity, and, not only the very favorable report of the Board of Corporators, but what we saw and heard on Commencement Day, assures us that the college is worthy of our hearty support.

We recommend:

1. That President Johnston be commended to the people of the Church, that he may receive their contributions in order that Science Hall may be fully furnished.

2. That the college be allowed to share equally with the seminary in the Library Fund.

3. That John T. Morton be appointed his own successor on the Board of Corporators.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Faris,
P. P. Boyd,
J. R. Wylie,
Thompson O'Neill,
J. C. Dodds.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary respectfully reports:

The session of the seminary opened on the evening of September 14, 1896, and closed on Wednesday evening, April 7, 1897. There were in attendance twenty-six students, a larger number than ever before. They are as follows:

Fourth year: Thomas Melville Slater.

Third year: Elsa Allen Crooks, William McLeod George, Moses Greenberg, David Owen Jack, James McCune, Louis Meyer, Calvin McLeod Smith, Albert Melville Thompson, William Thomas Knox Thompson.

Second year: Renwick Harper Martin, John Knox Robb, William John Sanderson, Findley McClurkin Wilson.

First year: Geo. Francis Wesley Benn, Walter McCarroll, William Elsey Carson, Robert J. G. McKnight, Calvin Augustine Dodds, McLeod Milligan Pearce, John McLean Johnston, John Henderson Pritchard, Samuel James Johnston, John Cargill Slater, Philip Sidney Johnston, Arthur Argyle Samson.

"The most of the students were prompt. Mr. Meyer came October 7th; Mr. Dodds, October 1st." "There have been several cases of sickness, and two of the students have mourned the loss of a parent; in the one case a father, and in the second a mother."

The examinations and discourses were heartily sustained. The reports of the professors, containing a detailed account of the work done and items of interest relating to the seminary, were ordered published for the information of the Church.

The Board would call the attention of Synod to the necessity for more liberal contributions to the Students' Aid Fund. This is made necessary by the large number of students in attendance and the lengthening of the term to eight months.

We would also call your attention to the need for instruction in vocal music and elocution, and would ask for permission to arrange for such instruction.

A petition was received by the chairman of the Board last October, from a committee of the second and third year classes, requesting him to call a special meeting of the Board at an early date, to "determine, first, the time of licensure, and second, the time of graduation of the above-named classes." The request was endorsed by the professors. On the 3d of November, 1896, the Board met in the seminary building and took the following action:

Resolved, That the closing exercises be held on Wednesday, April 7, 1897, 9 A. M., and of the following term on the Wednesday preceding the second Tuesday of April, 1898, 9 A. M., the term to commence on September 24th, 7:30 P. M.; after that there to be the full term of eight months.

Resolved, That the students of the third year be not required to attend the sessions of the seminary after the holidays 1897–98, and the students of the second year after the holidays 1898–99.

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be recommended to license the students of the second year during the holidays 1897–98, they to return to the seminary and finish the term.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, December 23d, 9 A. M., in the seminary hall.

The term of Rev. D. McAllister, D. D., and Walter T. Miller have expired. Their successors should be elected.

Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D., was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

T. P. Stevenson, *Chairman.*
J. W. Sproull, *Secretary.*

BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College submits the following report:

The annual report of our Board of Trustees, which we have ordered to be presented to you by its secretary, the Rev. J. R. Wylie, has afforded us great satisfaction, and will, we are sure, be listened to by you with feelings of rejoicing and thanksgiving; and the more so, because what you, yourselves, have witnessed of the exercises of this commencement week, will satisfy you that the view of prosperity of the college which it presents has not been overdrawn.

Notwithstanding the extreme stringency of the times, improvements have been made on the college property to the value of more than $10,000, and this without any increase of indebtedness. The steady material growth of the institution is seen in the fact that while a few years ago we had a single college building standing in an open field, now we have an imposing group of tasteful structures, surrounded by a beautiful campus. The movement made by President Johnston to secure control of additional grounds is most timely. From a financial point of view, the investment is regarded as more than safe; for present use as an athletic field it serves a most important, if not necessary end; while, in view of the rapid development of the institution, it is a wise provision for future enlargement.

The amount necessary to complete this undertaking, and to suitably furnish the Science Hall, is about $9,000.

The Board asks Synod to extend to President Johnston its most hearty support in this undertaking, by appropriating to this end funds which may be at its disposal, and by commending it to our people.

The Synod and the whole Church will find additional grounds for congratulation in the increased attendance of students and in the advance in the standard of scholarship, and the enlargement of the college curriculum, the details of which are presented in the report of the Board of Trustees.

We request that the college be allowed to share equally with the seminary in your annual appropriation for the Library Fund.

The time for which Mr. John T. Morton has been elected Synodical member of the Board has expired, and his successor should be chosen.

President Johnston is appointed to represent the claims of the college on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. Stevenson, *President.*
R. J. George, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College :

Gentlemen : The Board of Trustees of Geneva College take pleasure in being able to report to you that during the past year the college has enjoyed a very high degree of prosperity.

REPAIRS.

Last year Synod appropriated $2,000 at the expense of the Fraser Bequest, for improvements on buildings and campus. This money was kindly advanced by Synod's Board of Trustees, and judiciously used in effecting the purpose for which it was given. The general appearance of the college and surroundings is much more attractive than heretofore. The outlay was absolutely necessary for the preservation of the buildings, and your Board is grateful to Synod for the timely and liberal appropriation that enabled us to accomplish this work.

SCIENCE HALL.

In our last report to you we made mention of the necessity of securing a new building in order that proper facilities might be afforded for thorough instruction in science.

At that time we also reported that President Johnston had been very successful in obtaining the promise of funds for the erection of a suitable building. Dr. Johnston continued his efforts in this direction, and shortly after the adjournment of Synod reported the promise of the necessary funds to meet the expense of the building. The Board at once empowered a competent committee (President Johnston, Chairman) to prosecute the work. A beautiful building, and one well adapted to the purpose, is erected and ready for use. "It is a worthy addition to the campus, and it will long stand an enduring monument to Dr. Johnston's zeal and love for the college and church, and to the hearty and generous responses of the friends who so liberally contributed to it." The Board also recognizes the very efficient services of Prof. Wm. McCracken and Prof. W. H. Wilson, members of the Building Committee.

The entire cost of this building will fall short of $8,000.

ATHLETICS AND GYMNASIUM.

President Johnston has also secured for the college the use of a beautiful plot of ground, situated but a short distance from the college. This ground for the present has been fitted for an athletic field. The students performed the labor in fencing and grading and thus reduced the expense to the minimum. It is the desire of the Faculty not only to educate the mind but to develop the body as well. At the present time athletic sports hold a prominent place in college life. It is the purpose of the Faculty to keep these sports within legitimate limits, and to have them conducted in an honorable way.

A larger number of the students than heretofore have availed themselves of the privileges of the gymnasium. It is now in contemplation to require all the students to attend the gymnasium. No extra fee is asked.

STANDARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board is very desirous that the college maintain a high standard of education. At the request of the Faculty, the course of study in the scientific department of the college has been so extended as to require the same length of time to complete it as is required in the classical course, and the temptation to choose the scientific course because it can be sooner completed is now removed. Those who do choose this course will be better equipped for the duties of life than they could hope to be under the former course.

One year has been added to the preparatory department. The requirements for entering the preparatory department are not quite so high as formerly, but the time required to complete the course is lengthened, and the standard of graduation is much higher.

LIBRARY.

Since our last report the shelving of the library has been rearranged, and changes have been made in harmony with other improvements in the college; $150 have been expended or will soon be expended in purchasing books selected by the Faculty. In addition to books purchased, a gift of five volumes, chiefly on political and social topics, has been received from Prof. J. M. Coleman. We are also indebted to Mr. W. J. Ferguson, of Philadelphia, for some standard old books in literature and theology.

The circulation of books and pamphlets for the year will reach 900 volumes, the largest circulation yet attained. This is evidence that the library is steadily becoming better adapted to the requirements of the students, and that the students are growing in their appreciation of the privileges offered them in the library. It is our desire to add to the selection of books now in the library, and we ask for the usual share of the yearly collection ordered by Synod.

FINANCE.

The report of our Treasurer shows a very favorable condition of the finances of the college. In addition to meeting all the current expense, also paying the amount due this year to liquidate the debt on college building as ordered by Synod at its meeting in Denver, 1895, there remains a balance of $824, as compared with a balance of $304 last year.

ATTENDANCE.

The number of students attending college during the year is especially gratifying, both as to total number enrolled and as to the average. The attendance is larger than ever before. In the academic and collegiate departments alone the number reached 167, a larger proportion of these than usual being in the advanced classes. The total number of students in all departments was 243. Twenty students completed their college course and received the appropriate degrees. Five of these were enrolled in the classical department, the balance (fifteen) finished the scientific course.

FACULTY.

The extension of the college curriculum will necessitate the selection of a new instructor in the preparatory department. Prof. Milroy, who was seriously ill when we last reported, has been able to hear his classes during a large part of the year.

Mr. Wm. McCracken, professor of natural science, and whose work in the college has been eminently satisfactory, has obtained leave of absence for one year, that he may prosecute study in one of the higher universities. His brother, Mr. A. H. McCracken, a graduate of Michigan University, Class 1893, and at the present a teacher of natural science in the Marquette, Michigan, High School, will have charge of this department during his absence.

DEATHS.

We are sorry to be called on to report the death of one of our number, Mr. J. R. McBurney, who departed this life last July. He had not been associated with us long as a member of the Board, but was well and favorably known as a man of genuine Christian character, and a devoted member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The Board placed on record a minute expressing our deep appreciation of his Christian worth.

APPEAL.

The Board is profoundly grateful to the friends of the college for their liberal financial benefactions to the college and for continued interest in her work.

We now again ask for financial aid, that adequate equipments may be secured for the New Science Hall. Also that President Johnston may be able to meet payment on grounds secured to the college as they become due, and to make other improvements as they are found necessary, that our college may command an influence among the educational institutions of our day. And we ask for the prayers of all the friends of the college, that the spirit of God may come and abide with us, and that a deep moral influence will go forth from the college, hastening the coming of the kingdom of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Wylie, *Secretary.*

Committee on Temperance reported. Report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully report:

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

If American slavery could be characterized as "the sum of all villainies," what language could describe the villainies of the liquor traffic?

Shakespeare makes one of his characters call it "Devil." And when we consider its nature, the course and end of its votaries, may we not conclude the great poet orthodox? Turn where we may, go where we will, its blighting influence is seen and felt.

It is the blight of business, the curse of country, the demon of deception and defilement, the disturber of home and community, the inspiration of crime, a conspiracy against the church of Christ, and the recruiting agency of hell.

Its touch is contamination, and its fruit is destruction. Like the poison upas, it exhales death to every one who passes beneath its shadow.

Our report might swell to volumes. It might become encyclopedic, and yet not contain a tithe of the criminal charges that have been proved against this evil. It is the nation's great licensed "Pest House," which, instead of confining, breeds physical, moral and spiritual disease through every city and hamlet in the land, except, perhaps, where the power of Prohibition has provided a check.

Millions of ruined lives and billions of wasted resources mark the path of this fell destroyer.

It seems unnecessary for this Synod to fill up its Minutes with lengthy dissertations on this subject. As in the past, so in the present and for the future, the utterances and attitude of our Church are clear and uncompromising. We can make no truce with the liquor traffic.

Were we to attempt an interpretation of Divine Providence in regard to the financial depression of our times, we believe that, together with Sabbath desecration, it may be very largely found in the waste and demoralization of *intemperance.*

The "woe" of God stands against it.

Therefore, Resolved:

1. That we most heartily appreciate the spirit and efforts of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and appoint, as they request,

the fourth Sabbath of November, A. D. 1897, as special "Temperance Day."

2. That we reaffirm the attitude of our Church against all forms of intemperance.

3. That the "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink" (Hab. 2:15) stands against the nation which draws its internal revenue largely from the tax on injurious intoxicants.

The State which enacts and sustains the law for licensing the saloon, the court which becomes the instrument of the iniquitous law, and the voters who stand behind the whole business, are able to stop it, if they would.

4. That we stand firmly by our former utterances and attainments against the defiling, degrading and destroying "tobacco habit," in whatever form it may take.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Martin,
T. J. Allen,
P. J. McDonald,
} *Of the Committee.*

It was recommended that the Testimony Bearing Committee publish Report on Temperance.

The Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence was recommended to Committee on Testimony Bearing in preparation of tract.

The Standing Committee, known as Committee on Printing and Publishing, was abolished.

Report of Committee on Psalmody was taken from the table.

Item 3.—A substitute was entertained. The substitute was adopted.

D. S. Faris entered his dissent, as follows: "I dissent from the resolution because it permits identification with organizations that corrupt the worship of God by the use of hymns of human composition and instrumental music."

The motion fixing 4:30 as the hour for final adjournment was reconsidered. The motion to adjourn at 4:30 was lost.

Item 4 was stricken out.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Psalmody.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church stands for the exclusive use of the "Book of Psalms" in the service of praise. In common with all the Reformed Churches, we hold that the Psalms are a part of the inspired Word of God, and profitable for doctrine, for commandment, for instruction in righteousness. In common with only a few of the Reformed Churches, and these the weaker numerically, and least known in the Christian world, we maintain that God has appointed the Book of Psalms, to the exclusion of all imitations and uninspired poetry, as the Church's only manual of praise. Our "Declaration and Testimony," chap. 24, sec. 8, reads: "Singing

God's praise is a part of public social worship, in which the whole congregation should join: the Book of Psalms, which are of divine inspiration, is well adapted to the state of the Church, and of every member, in all ages and circumstances; and these Psalms, to the exclusion of all *imitations* and uninspired compositions, are to be used in social worship."

Our Church has entered into a mutual solemn public covenant to use the Psalms as her only psalter. It is manifest disloyalty to the Head of the Church to join with the brethren of other churches in singing hymns of human composition in the worship of God. It is not only marring the beauty of Christ's house, by taking away from His worship what He has appointed, and substituting what He has not appointed, which is called by Him breaking down the carved work with axes and hammers, but it is a breach of our vows which we have made to the Lord before all His people. There is a measure of responsibility devolving upon the members and officers of this Church which does not exist elsewhere. Our ministers, elders and deacons are under ordination vows to sing Psalms, and not to sing uninspired hymns in God's worship. When members are received on profession of their faith, they take a solemn vow to use the Psalms only in divine worship. Every time the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed the communicants renew their covenant with Christ and with one another to use the Psalms to the exclusion of all uninspired songs in the praise of God. And for a member or officer of this Church to join in the use of uninspired songs in the service of God's praise involves a degree of guilt that ought to give pause and create alarm. No one ought to take these vows without a purpose of heart to keep them. All who believe it is right to sing hymns of human composition in the worship of God, and whose practice corresponds with their convictions, ought to be deterred from assuming these solemn obligations. When God had manifested His displeasure at the corruption of His worship by His priests at Sinai, He said: "I will be sanctified in them that come nigh Me, and before all the people I will be glorified." When the Holy Ghost had discovered His wrath against the double-hearted and double-tongued worship of two professed followers of Christ in Jerusalem, in the service of giving unto the Lord, we read: "Great fear came upon all the Church, and upon as many as heard these things. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them." The condition of receiving and enjoying the peculiar and special and gracious presence of the Holy Ghost is "the receiving, observing and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in His Word." Through these the Spirit is communicated. Through these the graces of believers are exercised toward God. 2 Kings 23:3; Acts 2:42.

We recommend: 1. That in pulpit ministrations and pastoral visits the people be taught that God has given the Book of Psalms to be used in His worship, to the exclusion of all other songs.

2. That the Scriptural method be followed in case any member breaks his vow in singing uninspired songs in God's worship, to remove the dishonor done to Christ's house, and restore an erring brother to God's favor and fellowship.

3. That Synod reiterate the action of 1895, warning our mem-

bers against singing uninspired hymns in Reform and other Conventions, and popular Evangelistic meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Foster,
W. C. Allen,
J. McCracken,
} *Of the Committee.*

Resolutions on the matter of Church Paper were taken from the table.

The Resolutions were laid on the table until the next meeting of Synod.

Report of Committee to consider Invitation to Convention of United Presbyterian Young People was taken from the table.

This report and amendments were laid on the table and a substitute was entertained. The substitute was adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Invitation.

The committee to consider the invitation of the Young People's Society of the United Presbyterian Church to attend their convention in Indianapolis next August recommend the following reply:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church appreciates and hereby acknowledges the Christian courtesy of the Young People's Christian Union of the United Presbyterian Church in inviting the young people of our Church to participate in the privileges of their convention.

It would afford us great pleasure to accept, on behalf of our young people, this invitation to unite with brethren who in common with ourselves maintain the purity of worship by the exclusive use of a divinely inspired and authorized Psalter.

Our Church, however, maintains a testimony against the use of instrumental music in connection with the praise service, as without divine warrant.

We are sure you will recognize the obstacle which this interposes to the immediate acceptance of your gracious invitation.

We have, therefore, appointed Rev. Prof. R. J. George, D. D., to confer with the representatives of your society, that, if possible, this difficulty may be removed.

In the meantime the Synod extends to the O. Y. P. C. U. its Christian greetings, and implores the blessing of the Divine Redeemer upon the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaiah Faris.

Committee on Presbyterial Reports reported. Report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Presbyterial Reports.

The Committee on Presbyterial Reports would respectfully report:

There has been put into our hands, beside the reports of Presbyteries:

First. The Report on the Statistical Tables by Synod's Stated Clerk, and

Second. A letter from J. Boggs Dodds, Clerk of the Syrian Presbytery.

We recommend: First, The printing of the Stated Clerk's Report on Statistics in full, as it agrees fully with the reports of Presbyteries where they touch on the same points, and is the most correct and complete report we have had for some time.

We would notice, in addition, these items of interest:

Of our ministers, 8 are missionaries, 3 have work in colleges, 2 are in the seminary, 1 in the Sabbath Reform work, one in the N. R. work, 1 in the Testimony Bearing work, 1 is an editor and 7 are unfit for active work, having worn themselves out in faithful service for the Lord. This reduces the unsettled workers of the ministry from 40 to 16. And then, when we consider that 9 of these are employed by our Presbyteries or Boards in stated work, we have a very favorable showing.

Of our 116 congregations, 72 have pastors, 16 stated supply and 28 are vacant.

Only 3 mission stations are reported. There ought to be more. Two students of theology are reported as employed in Church work. There may be more. All ought to be thus employed.

Three congregations are reported as engaged in Congregational Mission work. No doubt there are others, and they ought to be all reported, to stimulate all who can to engage in this needed work.

As a model for the clerks of Presbyteries in making out their reports, your committee would point you to the report of Pittsburgh Presbytery. It could be slightly improved by using figures after the lists of names.

As the plan this year has succeeded so well, we recommend:

Second. Hereafter, all statistical reports must be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod by the clerks of Presbyteries on or before the 15th of May, and that the Stated Clerk of Synod be always made a member of the Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

Third. As to the matter of the roll of members in congregations, referred to us in the Report on Statistics, we recommend that congregations only have one roll, and that be put in their statistics, that we may have a true report of the membership of the Church.

In making up this roll sessions must be left to their own judgment as to who are members and who are not, but we would suggest that as to members whose standing is in doubt from removal or otherwise, that an old rule of the Church be applied, which is to carry them one year before they are dropped from the roll.

Fourth. As to the matter of the Syrian Presbytery, we recommend that it be dealt with according to the suggestion in the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

J. R. Wylie,
D. C. Faris, } *Of the Committee.*

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of N. B. and N. S. would report that we have held one meeting, as per adjournment, at the call of the Moderator.

The congregation of St. John presented a call to the Rev. G. M. Robb to become their pastor. This call was declined and the congregation is still vacant.

The congregation of Barnesville received some supplies during the year and is also vacant.

We ask for St. John full supply during the year, and for Barnesville three months of one laborer during the summer and fall. It is not advisable to send supplies to Barnesville during the winter.

We recommend Mrs. J. R. Lawson for her share of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

We recommend the Rev. Robert Stewart for a share in the Aged Ministers' Fund.

There was no supply sent to Houlton during the year, and no request for preaching was received through the Presbytery either last year or this from Houlton.

The sum of $500 has been appropriated to our Presbytery from the Central Board through the Conference of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. MCFALL, *Clerk.*

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings and one special meeting.

These sessions have been truly fraternal and, through the Conferences, we trust, of abiding spiritual benefit to the congregations within our bounds.

At the fall meeting we heard inspiring echoes from the Glasgow Convention, and at our spring meeting we enjoyed a conference of the representatives of the missionary schemes of the Presbytery.

Though our Statistical Report shows no great material gain, yet in many ways the Head of the Church has given us the tokens of His favor.

We have under the care of Presbytery two students of theology. One, Moses Greenberg, received from Pittsburgh Presbytery and licensed at a special meeting held in Philadelphia, April 27, 1897. His work will be in connection with the Jewish Mission of Philadelphia. The other student is Mr. G. W. F. Benn, now of the second year in the seminary.

We have still upon our roll Rev. N. R. Johnston, of Oakland, Cal., and Rev. A. W. Johnston, of Northwood, O.

Successful mission work is being performed by our members in the city of Philadelphia among the Jews, the Italians and the Syrians.

It is the prayer of Presbytery that a rich baptism of divine grace may be bestowed upon the Church through this meeting of her highest court.

T. H. WALKER, *Clerk.*

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would report:

We have held our usual meetings during the year. We have fifteen congregations, the same as in our last report, and sixteen ministers, a net increase of two. Rev. R. C. Reed was received on certificate from Illinois Presbytery, and installed pastor of Walton, Nov. 19, 1896. Rev. G. P. Raitt was received on certificate from Pittsburgh Presbytery, and Mr. T. M. Slater, a Licentiate, also on certificate from Pittsburgh Presbytery. Mr. Slater was ordained to the ministry and installed pastor of Bovina Congregation, May 20, 1897. These are our additions. On the other hand, we have lost our oldest pastor, Rev. J. B. Williams, who was suddenly called home. He died May 6, 1897, in the forty-seventh year of his pastorate, at White Lake. Rev. S. R. Wallace was released from the pastoral charge of Brooklyn Congregation, May 11, 1897.

Our vacancies are Brooklyn, Fourth New York, Kortright and White Lake. Fourth New York have called Mr Theodore M. Carlisle, and provision has been made for his settlement, if he shall accept the call. Mr. Carlisle was licensed May 11, 1897.

Cambridge Congregation have built a neat and convenient church on Antrim street, Cambridge. Fourth New York having disposed of their property on West 48th street, are negotiating for a church in the upper part of the city.

We have two students of theology, Messrs. W. J. Sanderson and John H. Pritchard.

Our unsettled ministers are Messrs. Kennedy, Rusk, Raitt and Wallace. We have one, Mr. Robb, a missionary in China.

The full time of Messrs. Rusk and Raitt is at the disposal of Synod; also that of Mr. Wallace after November, he having been appointed stated supply at Kortright for six months.

We ask for the time of one laborer for the year. We heartily approve of the proposition to hold a Convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Philadelphia, in 1899.

We recommend Mrs. Mary A. Yates and her family to receive a share in the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.

Our Traveling Fund is full, and our Statistical Report was promptly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. Shaw, *Clerk.*

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

The Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular meeting during the year.

We have six congregations, two of which are vacant, Sterling and Lochiel, both soon to be settled; and seven ministers, four of whom are pastors, two pastors elect, soon to be installed, and one unsettled minister, Rev. R. C. Allen, whose time is at the disposal of Synod.

A call was moderated in Lochiel Congregation by Rev. E. M. Coleman, March 2, 1897, upon Rev. Charles Clyde, and it has by him been accepted.

A call was moderated in Syracuse Congregation September 30, 1896, by Rev. J. B. Gilmore upon Rev. G. M. Robb, and it was by him accepted, and he was installed pastor May 11, 1897.

A call was moderated in Sterling Congregation May 4, 1897, by Rev. Wm. McFarland upon Rev. J. M. Faris, and it has been by him accepted.

Rev. G. M. Robb was certified to Rochester Presbytery by Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Rev. Charles Clyde was certified to Rochester Presbytery by Lakes Presbytery.

Rev. J. M. Faris was certified to Rochester Presbytery by Ohio Presbytery.

We have endorsed the proposition of holding a convention of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1899.

A very commendable promptitude has been shown by all our vacancies in choosing pastors, and the hearty acceptance of all these calls gives the cheering promise of the speedy settlement of all our congregations, and this is a good ground of heartfelt gratitude to our Covenant Head and Lord. As a Presbytery we rejoice and are glad; yet we sympathize with other Presbyteries and congregations whose calls have been declined.

Syracuse Congregation has joined heartily with their pastor in carrying forward repairs upon God's House, Sabbath school work, devotional meetings and public worship.

Under the leadership of Almonte Congregation, 10,000 tracts, specially applicable to the British Colonies, in the line of our testimony, were distributed among Canadian ministers.

Fast and Thanksgiving Days have been observed.

We respectfully ask for $500 for the aid of Syracuse Congregation.

We recommend Mrs. Lydia French for aid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. MCFARLAND, *Clerk.*

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod Pittsburgh Presbytery has held two regular meetings, both of which were very pleasant and harmonious.

While there have been no dissolutions of pastoral relationship within our bounds during the past year, several changes have occurred.

On June 18, B. M. Sharpe was installed pastor of McKeesport Congregation, and on July 21, R. J. Gault was installed pastor of New Alexandria Congregation.

College Hill Congregation was organized July 1, 1896, with forty-two members.

G. M. Robb having accepted the call from Syracuse Congregation was certified to Rochester Presbytery.

G. P. Raitt was, at his own request, transferred to New York Presbytery.

Licentiate T. M. Slater, having accepted the call from the Bovina Congregation, was transferred to New York Presbytery.

Licentiate R. M. Blackwood, having accepted a call from Bloomington Congregation, was transferred to Illinois Presbytery.

Licentiate C. McLeod Smith was, by his own request, transferred to Lakes Presbytery.

Moses Greenberg, a fourth year student of the seminary, was before his licensure, and by his own request, transferred to the Philadelphia Presbytery.

We have on our roll the names of thirty-five ministers and twenty-seven congregations, and one mission station. Of the ministers, nineteen are settled pastors, two of this number having double charges and two acting as stated supplies a portion of their time, and one in the employ of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath Association part of his time; three are missionaries; two, college professors; two, seminary professors; one in the employ of the National Reform Association and another in that of Synod, in the work of Testimony Bearing. Six, through indisposition or infirmity, have practically ceased to preach, and the full time of the remaining one is at the disposal of Synod.

Of the congregations, twenty-one have settled pastors, one a stated supply and the remaining five are vacant.

The following were by the Presbytery licensed to preach the Gospel April 14, 1897: C. McLeod Smith, W. McLeod George, Louis Meyer, Jas. McCune, D. O. Jack and W. T. K. Thompson.

Our licentiates are J. M. Coleman, W. McLeod George, D. O. Jack, Jas. McCune, Wm. McKinney, Louis Meyer and W. T. K. Thompson.

Our students of theology are: W. McLeod George, D. O. Jack, Jas. McCune, Louis Meyer and W. T. K. Thompson of the fourth year; J. K. Robb of the third year, and C. A. Dodds, P. S. Johnston, R. J. McKnight, M. M. Pearce and J. C. Slater of the second year.

The full time of the following laborers is at the disposal of Synod: J. C. K. Faris and Wm. McKinney; also the vacation months of the fourth year seminary students: W. McLeod George, D. O. Jack, Louis Meyer, Jas. McCune and W. T. K. Thompson.

We ask for the full time of two laborers for six months, beginning with June 1.

Presbytery respectfully recommends East End Congregation to Synod for $600 to pay interest on church mortgage.

It also recommends Mrs. Nancy Reid and Mrs. Laura Speer to Synod for their share in Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers, and J. R. Baird, J. J. McClurkin and J. L. McCartney for their share in Aged Ministers' Fund.

We would respectfully ask of Synod $600 for the aid of weak congregations within the bounds of our Presbytery.

We report our quota to Traveling Fund in full.

Our Statistical Report was duly forwarded the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Martin, *Clerk.*

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

The Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

Two regular meetings have been held during the year. We have under our care seven congregations and one mission station. Four ministers belong to the Presbytery, only two of whom are pastors. R. M. Blackwood was transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery at our fall meeting, and Rev. J. M. Faris to Rochester Presbytery since this assembling of Synod.

Of our congregations five are without pastors. Mansfield is under the care of the Central Board. P. H. Wylie is stated supply for Middle Wheeling. George Benaugh labored in Mansfield during the entire year with great acceptance, and is to be continued there during this year. Two students of theology are under our care, F. M. Wilson and R. H. Martin. R. B. Cannon is recommended for aid from the Fund for Aged Ministers. Presbytery asks for the entire time of one laborer, and one-fourth time of another. So far as known to us, days of thanksgiving and fasting have been observed by our congregations. Our Statistical Report was forwarded in due time.

J. S. Thompson, *Clerk.*

LAKES PRESBYTERY.

Lakes Presbytery would respectfully report the following:

Since the last meeting of Synod one meeting has been held. We have eight congregations, three of which are vacant—Cedarville, Cedar Lake, and Fair Grove—all of which have received supplies during the year, and in which communions have been dispensed. We have five ministers, one of whom is unsettled—Rev. T. C. Sproull, the whole of whose time is at the disposal of Synod.

We have two theological students, one of whom is a licentiate, C. McLeod Smith, whose time is at the disposal of Synod until the opening of the seminary. Trials for licensure, in part, were presented at our fall meeting of Presbytery, by C. McLeod Smith and Louis Meyer, which were heartily sustained.

At our fall meeting Walter McCarroll was received, under care of Presbytery, as a student of the first year. Louis Meyer has been transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery. Fair Grove Congregation has been recommended to the Board of Domestic Missions for an appropriation of $200. They have raised $300 for supplies for the coming year.

Mrs. Isabella Milroy has been recommended to the Fund for Wives of Deceased Ministers, for $250. Mrs. Susan Love for $200.

Days of humiliation and thanksgiving have been observed by all our congregations, as far as known. We ask for the full time of 1½ laborers. Our Statistical Report has been submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. Boyd, *Clerk.*

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular and two called meetings during the year.

E. G. Elsey was installed pastor of Church Hill Congregation, on June 25, 1896, by a commission of Presbytery.

R. C. Reed, having received a call from Walton, N. Y., was released, at his own request, from the charge of Old Bethel Congregation, on October 14, 1896, and was certified to New York Presbytery.

R. M. Blackwood was ordained and installed pastor of Bloomington Congregation, by a commission of Presbytery, on Jan. 20, 1897.

There are seven ministers and nine congregations under the care of Presbytery. Five congregations have settled pastors. S. Kingston is stated supply at Selma. St. Louis is under the care of the Central Board of Missions. M. A. Gault is editor of the *Christian Cynosure*, of Chicago.

Mrs. W. F. George was recommended to receive $200 from the fund for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers.

The Statistical Report is in the hands of Synod's Committee on Statistics. It shows a slight increase of membership in the Presbytery.

The movement looking to a Convention of Covenanters in this country in 1899 was heartily endorsed.

The time of one laborer is asked for.

Respectfully,

J. G. Reed, *Clerk.*

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held but one regular meeting since last Synod, which was in Sharon Church, and was of special interest, being held in connection with the semi-centennial of Sharon Congregation. Five days were spent with the brethren there during which we united with them in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The constituent members of Iowa Presbytery remain the same as last year. All are active pastors except G. R. McBurney, who has been engaged in mission work in Oklahoma since last Synod, but has retired from that field, and his time is now at the disposal of Synod.

Elliota Congregation is now disorganized. This congregation has for years received the fostering care of Synod and of Presbytery, but the members were few and the surroundings unfavorable, so that by removals and defection the congregation has lost its organization.

We are happy to report the organization of the First Chicago Congregation, April 23, 1897. By appointment of the Central Board of Missions, Rev. J. Milligan Wylie began work in Chicago last September. By God's blessing on his efforts, thirty members have been enrolled. The outlook for the increase of their number is favorable. We commend this congregation to the fostering care of Synod.

There are nine congregations under our care; five have settled pastors, one—Chicago—is supplied by the Central Board of Missions, three—Hickory Grove, Hopkinton and Lake Reno—are supplied through Presbytery. Hickory Grove has been greatly weakened, and will require help to maintain ordinances. Lake Reno has extended a call to the Rev. J. M. Faris, which has been sustained and forwarded to Ohio Presbytery for presentation.

We have one licentiate—E. H. Buck—under our care. He is now laboring in La Junta, Colorado, and has arrangements to continue his labors there.

There are four students of theology under our care—W. E. Carson, J. M. Johnson, S. J. Johnson and A. A. Samson—who have completed the first year of the seminary course. Messrs. Carson and Samson are laboring as city missionaries, under the direction of the Session of Central Allegheny Congregation.

We ask the whole time of one and the half time of a second laborer during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull, *Clerk.*

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings since our last report.

We have under our care sixteen congregations and one mission station. Of these, nine have the care of settled pastors; two, Topeka and Wahoo, are under the care of the Central Board; five, Superior, Beulah, Holmwood, College Springs and Quinter, receive supplies through Presbytery.

With the assistance of Synod's appropriations these five congregations have been able to maintain preaching about one-third the time.

The congregation of Sterling has been recommended for aid to the Board of Sustentation.

Quinter Congregation was reorganized by a commission of Presbytery, May 7, 1897.

We record God's goodness in sending plentiful harvests, but owing to the exceedingly low prices prevailing, our financial resources are still somewhat impoverished.

Days of fasting and thanksgiving have been observed by all our congregations, so far as known.

The pastoral relation between North Cedar Congregation and Rev. Wm. Littlejohn was dissolved by act of Presbytery, November 9, 1896.

Wm. Littlejohn has since united with the United Presbyterian Church, and his name stricken from our roll. We have now on our roll fifteen ministers.

Rev. Elmer McBurney is still laboring as a missionary in China.

Dr. J. M. Littlejohn labors as President of Amity College.

We have two licentiates, E. A. Crooks and A. M. Thompson. These were licensed on April 20, 1897, by a commission appointed by Presbytery. Their time, except that required to complete their course in the seminary, is at the disposal of Synod.

The full time of Rev. J. A. Thompson is at the disposal of Synod.

Mrs. W. W. McMillen and Mrs. J. H. Wylie are recommended for aid to the Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers, to the amount of $250 each.

Mrs. Belle Dodds, to same fund, for aid, to the amount of $200.

We ask for the full time of one laborer.

Our Statistical Report was duly forwarded to Synod's committee.

In closing our report, we would say that the different *reforms* agitated have received considerable attention in our Presbytery, such as National Reform and Anti-secrecy. Evangelistic work has received more than ordinary attention the past year.

Your lecturer on Testimony Bearing has been well received by our people and others, and we are looking for good results from the efforts put forth in this cause. We record, with gratitude, the brotherly love and unanimity that have characterized our meetings and labors to serve our great Master.

W. S. Fulton, *Clerk of Presbytery.*

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

The Colorado Presbytery has held one regular and several special meetings during the past year. Communions have been held in all our congregations. Rev. J. M. Wylie was released from the pastoral charge of Denver Congregation on May 30, 1896. A call was made out by Denver Congregation on November 2, 1896, on Rev. T. H. Acheson, and he was installed by a commission of Presbytery on March 11, 1897. The following resolution was passed at one of our meetings, on motion of Elder J. K. Miller: "The Colorado Presbytery respectfully request Synod to consider the propriety of employing some or all of the $3,000, or thereabouts, in the treasury of the Home Chinese Mission in evangelistic reform or other work." We have on our roll five ministers. Our congregations number four, all having settled pastors but La Junta. No request from it has been presented for pulpit supply. Rev. J. M. Armour is recommended for $400 from the Aged Ministers' Fund. We desire to record our gratitude to God for His gracious goodness to us during the past year. Our Statistical Report is herewith submitted. The present clerk overlooked last year the fact of the election of Rev. Jas. Patton to membership on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

T. H. Acheson, *Clerk.*

VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

The Vermont Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since your last meeting we have had one regular meeting. Topsham Congregation became disorganized December 30th by the organization of a New School R. P. Church there. We have now but three congregations under our care, only two of which have pastors. D. C. Faris supplied Ryegate during the past year. Steps were taken at our late meeting to unite the congregations of Barnet and Ryegate under one pastor. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Taylor, *Clerk.*

Invitation from General Synod to join in one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Reformed Presbytery was taken from the table.

The pastors of Philadelphia Presbytery—T. P. Stevenson, J. C. McFeeters, R. C. Montgomery and T. H. Walker, with William

Anderson, and power to add to their number, were appointed to represent us in the celebration.

Committee on Nominations reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Syrian Presbytery.—Ministers, D. B. Willson, D. McAllister, W. M. Glasgow; Elders, John Aikin, John T. Morton.

Committee on Railroads.—C. D. Trumbull.

The invitation to meet in Walton was taken from the table. The invitation from Walton was accepted.

It was voted that when Synod adjourn it adjourn to meet in Walton, at 2 P. M., the first Wednesday of June, 1898. The Mission Conference is to meet in Walton at 9 A. M. the same day.

The thanks of Synod were cordially presented to the kind friends in Beaver Falls, to the railroads, to Synodical reporters, to the Moderator and clerks.

Synod adjourned with prayer by W. M. Glasgow, singing the 133d Psalm and the Benediction by the Moderator.

T. P. Robb, *Moderator.*
F. M. Foster, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America respectfully beg leave to submit the Treasurer's Report, and at same time to make the following report for the year ending May 1, 1897.

In reference to such matters as came before you at the last meeting of Synod, relating to financial interests, and which were specifically referred by you to this Board for action, we shall first report, and then proceed to the consideration of such other items as refer more particularly to the business of the current year and of the year to come.

First.—The organization of the Board has been continued on the basis of the preceding year, by the re-election of the former officers as President, Vice-President, and Secretary, as appears in our last annual report, and the full quota of membership has been maintained according to the terms of the Charter by the continuance in position of Messrs. D. Chestnut, A. C. Coulter and A. B. Copeland for an additional term of three years, agreeably to your action at the last meeting of Synod.

Second.—That the Board, in response to repeated deliverances and directions of Synod to secure payment of the amount due by the late First New York Congregation from the Third New York Congregation, has again made faithful efforts to collect the amount due by them to the Synod; and we report, relative thereto, that the Third New York Congregation has once more declined to carry out Synod's action in reference to the payment of this debt. As Synod has more than once carefully considered this subject, and as it seems to us, as far as able to do so by resolution, made it mandatory upon the congregation to pay the balance of the interest due, we therefore, through our Treasurer, made complaint to the New York Presbytery against the congregation named, laying before them a statement of the facts in the case, showing that the said congregation had again refused to comply with the demand made upon it, in agreement with your action. At the time this report is penned we have received no information as to what action, if any, has been taken by the Presbytery to enforce Synod's decision as to the payment of this claim.

We therefore refer this whole subject again to you for action at the present meeting of Synod; and, for the information of Synod, or such committee as the subject may be committed to, we respectfully refer you for full details to the annual printed reports of this Board to Synod, as may be found in the *Reformed Presbyterian and Covenanter* for the year 1893, page 293; for the year 1894, pages 301 and 302; for the year 1895, pages 255 and 256; and for the year 1896, as found in the Minutes printed by order of Synod on pages 131 and 132. We also, in the same connection, refer to Synod's own action in regard to this claim, as embodied in the printed reports of the Minutes before referred to for the years 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Third.—That the directions of Synod have been complied with as to the debt due the Rev. H. H. George, D. D., by the payment to him of three hundred and fifty dollars ($350), and the amount thereof taken from the income derived from the Fraser Estate.

Fourth.—That the Miss Sarah Glasgow Bequest of ninety-five dollars ($95) has been credited to the Foreign Mission Current Account, the James M. Milligan donation of one hundred and seventy-four dollars and seventeen cents ($174.17) has been placed to the credit of the Indian Mission Current Account, and the Henry George Bequest of two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and

seventy cents ($299.70) has been divided into three equal parts, and one part each credited to the Current Expense Accounts of the Foreign, Domestic and Southern Missions, all of which has been done, in accordance with Synod's action of last year.

Fifth.—The Jennet McNaught Bequest.—This gift, by will of the decedent, gave:

To the Foreign Missions	$585.15
To the Freedmen's Missions	300.00
Total	$885.15

Synod was asked, in our last annual report, to direct whether the *amounts* above named should be appropriated to the Current or Endowment Accounts of the Missions named. Instead of so deciding, you directed the total fund to be divided in equal parts, in place of allowing the bequest to remain in unequal parts, as above directed by the decedent, and you entirely omitted to give direction as to whether the amounts named by us should go to Endowment or Current uses. We therefore respectfully ask you to reconsider the action of last year, and to reinstruct us on this one point, viz.: whether the amounts named in the bequest shall be used for Endowment or Current uses. This is the only question in reference to the disposition of this fund that the Synod or your Board can legally decide upon.

Sixth.—As to appropriations made by you at last meeting of Synod, out of an estate in advance of its being converted into cash. We report that for needed repairs on Geneva College building and grounds, and in consideration of your appropriation for that purpose, we have advanced upon loan to the College two thousand dollars ($2,000), and, in like manner, we report a loan (upon a note) to the National Reform Association of one thousand dollars ($1,000), based also in consideration of your appropriation of one thousand dollars ($1,000) from the proceeds of same estate. It is our decided conviction and our recommendation, that you should require both the College and National Reform interests or representatives to pay interest annually at the rate of six per cent. per annum, until the amounts so loaned be either returned by them to your Board or made good by the actual sale and receipt in cash for said loans from the estate referred to.

Seventh.—That the "*Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation*, No. 1," of which we gave to you full particulars in our annual report of 1895, amounting to nine thousand two hundred and fourteen dollars and twelve cents ($9,214.12), by virtue of the death of the donor occurring soon after the date of our last report to you, has thereby become available for distribution, and accordingly your Board has made division of the total gift by crediting, according to Synod's order, seven and one-half per cent. (7½) of the amount named, viz.: six hundred and ninety-one dollars and five cents ($691.05) to the Indian Mission Building Fund, and the remaining ninety-two and one-half per cent. (92½) to the various Endowment Funds, Current Mission Accounts and other schemes, as directed by the donor, thus making a final settlement of this account agreeably to the terms upon which the gift was received.

Eighth.—The Mrs. Rachel Stevenson Gift.—There was received by your Board a few years ago, as reported at the time, two gifts from Mrs. Rachel Stevenson, of St. John, N. B., amounting to fourteen thousand dollars ($14,000). One of these gifts was for ten thousand dollars ($10,000), on which your Board, by terms of the gift, agreed to pay to her interest thereon at the rate of five per cent. per annum during her natural life, and at her death the principal sum was to be equally divided between the Aged Ministers' Endowment Fund and the Endowment Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers; the other gift was a donation of four thousand dollars ($4,000), in like manner, subject during her lifetime to the payment to her of five per cent. interest annually, and at her decease, in the absence of further instructions, the principal sum to be *for disposition to the use of Synod's schemes.*

In reference to both these gifts, we report that, owing to the death of Mrs. Rachel Stevenson on September 29, 1896, the full sum of fourteen thousand dollars is now available for use. As to the gift of ten thousand dollars ($10,000),

your Board report that, in agreement with the terms upon which the amount was received, we shall credit the principal as follows, viz :

To the Aged Ministers' Endowment Fund	$5,000.00
To the Endowment Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers	5,000.00
	$10,000.00

As to the gift of four thousand dollars ($4,000).—According to the terms of agreement which govern this portion of the fund, we ask Synod to decide what *disposition to Synod's schemes* shall be made of this amount, and to direct whether it shall be for current or endowment purposes.

Ninth.—The Mrs. Margaret Peoples Endowment.—We recall to your recollection, as previously reported to you years ago, that we received from Mrs. Margaret Peoples the sum of nine hundred dollars ($900), upon which we have been paying during her lifetime interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, on condition that at her decease this gift shall "*be used for Mission purposes, to be invested, and the interest used for Mission purposes.*" We now report the decease of Mrs. Peoples as having occurred on August 30, 1896, and therefore ask Synod to decide to what Mission endowment or endowments we shall credit this sum, so that the agreement with Mrs. Peoples, the donor, may be faithfully carried out in accordance with her expressed desire made at the time the gift was received.

Tenth.—The David Gregg Bequest.—This magnificent bequest by one who for years was our honored companion and co-laborer in the management of the business affairs of the Board, after paying taxes, repairs and other expenses, has yielded a net revenue of six thousand and sixty-eight dollars and sixty-one cents ($6,068.61), which sum, in agreement with the terms upon which this gift was received, has been distributed to the following schemes of the Church, viz.: Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Sustentation Fund, Church Erection, Theological Seminary, Southern Mission, Chinese Mission, Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Central Allegheny Congregation, the particulars of which, in detail, will be found in the Treasurer's Report.

Eleventh.— The Mrs. Jessie Fraser Bequest.—In our last annual report we made note of the fact that Mrs. Jessie Fraser, deceased, of New York City, by her will had made the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America her residuary legatees. We now report that in the meantime this estate has been settled by your Board, receiving the said sum of four hundred and forty-seven dollars and thirty-six cents ($447.36) in cash. The terms under the will upon which this gift comes to your Board are expressed in the following words: "*The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to have and hold same unto said corporation, its successors and assigns.*" We therefore ask Synod at this meeting to indicate to the Board the purpose for which they desire this money to be used.

Twelfth.—The Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Gift.—We report the presentation by Mr. Henry Martin, of Cincinnati, Ohio, to this Board of Trustees, of a deed in fee simple for about 195 acres of land situated in Randolph County, near Sparta, Ill. This land, or its proceeds, is given as a memorial gift in memory of his beloved wife, Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin, who for many years was greatly interested in Chinese Mission work at home and abroad. The use and disposition of this land is left entirely to the judgment and direction of the Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, Old School, except that it shall be used exclusively for the Chinese Mission work of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in China. We propose, in the absence of contrary directions from Synod, to convert the property into cash at such time as your Board can in their judgment make sale of the same at a reasonable price, so that as early as may be the proceeds may be applied to the work contemplated by the donor.

Thirteenth.—The John A. McKee Bequest.—In our report to you of last year we made record of the receipt of ten thousand two hundred and ninety-eight dollars and sixteen cents ($10,298.16) as having come into our hands during that year from this estate.

We now report the receipt, during the current year, of an additional sum amounting to ten hundred and eighty-seven dollars and eighty-eight cents ($1,087.88). This sum will be credited by your Board, according to the terms of the gift, viz.:

To Home Mission Endowment Fund	$543.94
To Foreign Mission Endowment Fund	543.94
	$1,087.88

Fourteenth.—The Widows' and Orphans' and Aged People's Home of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.—At the meeting of Synod in 1895, in response to a recommendation of this Board, Synod approved of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Presbytery and of others throughout the Church at large who might with the concurrence of the Board join them in co-operating with the Board in the establishment of a Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People. The women at once generously took upon themselves the labor required to examine a large number of locations at various places suggested for such a home, and, as reported to you last year, they made a selection therefrom of four properties, from which, after careful consideration, your Board made purchase recently of a property situated in Allegheny City, on which is erected a good-sized building, surrounded by ample ground for enlargement, if in future it be so desired, for the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), five thousand dollars of which has been paid in cash, and the remaining five thousand dollars secured by bond and mortgage thereon, payable within three years, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

We further report that we are informed the members of the Women's Missionary Society, before referred to, have already arranged for or secured a charter under the name of "The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association," in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America; that the purpose of the corporation is to establish and maintain a Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, located in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania; that any woman being a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church is eligible to membership upon payment of the following sums, in one payment, in advance, viz.:

Annual Contributing Members, by payment of one dollar per year.

Life Membership, by a single payment of twenty-five dollars ($25.00).

Life Directorship, by the payment of one hundred dollars ($100.00): that the business of the corporation is to be transacted by fifteen directors who have already been chosen for one year.

The corporation now invites, and earnestly seeks to have enrolled among its membership every member of the Church throughout the land, and particularly every *woman* connected with any and all congregations under charge of the Synod or Presbyteries of the Covenanter Church. As there is at present no accumulated capital stock to defray the current expenses, the Board heartily commend this association of women to the liberality of the Church, and particularly to all friends of the aged and infirm as well as orphans, trusting that the institution about to be established shall be amply provided for by voluntary contributions in cash and suitable supplies for the use of the Home from year to year; believing also that so worthy a cause will appeal very strongly to those who are about to dispose of their worldly possessions, bequests are solicited, which may be bequeathed either to the Trustees of the Synod, or direct to "*The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association*" in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, Allegheny, Pennsylvania; and last, but not least, that the institution, with the aged, infirm and orphans who may be under its care and protection, together with those who may administer its affairs, we commend to the Church at large, that in prayer they may be borne in remembrance at the throne of grace

In view of what has been recited, your Board respectfully recommend:

1. That the Trustees of the Synod continue to hold the title to the real estate of the Home, collecting interest from "The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association" upon the mortgage and indebtedness due, or that may be assumed on account of the Home, until the debt and interest thereon shall be paid in full.

2. That the Board of Trustees of the Synod be relieved from further work, management and responsibility in connection with the Home, and that Synod by formal resolution commit such management and responsibility from this time forth to the women of the Church under the corporate name hereinbefore referred to.

Fifteenth.—The Students' Aid Fund.—The contributions to this fund from congregations during the past year, in response to the appropriation made by you thereto at the last meeting of Synod, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, have not in amount come up to the expectation entertained for so deserving a cause; this fact, together with the increased number of students in attendance at the Theological Seminary requiring assistance to prosecute their studies, make it necessary that contributions to this fund be more liberal, and that the appropriation asked for shall be raised in full during the ensuing year, in order that sufficient aid therefrom may be extended to all who are found to be entitled to draw from the fund.

We ask from Synod an appropriation of one thousand dollars ($1,000) to this fund for the coming year.

Sixteenth.—Other Appropriations.—The Board, after careful consideration of the schemes below, of their requirements, and of the Treasurer's accounts that relate to them, to which you are referred, provided additional information be desired, respectfully recommend the following additional appropriations, viz.:

For the Aged Ministers' Fund	$1,500.00
For the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers	1,500.00
For the Theological Seminary Current Expenses	1,500.00
For the Library Fund, the amount to be divided equally between the College and the Seminary	500.00

And we further recommend that some suitable provision be made for the current expenses of the coming year and the early extinguishment of the remaining debt due on the building recently purchased for the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged People's Home.

Seventeenth.—The Invested Funds.—The continued depression in real estate, and in general business during the current year, has made it a necessity on the part of your Board to use the best skill that they could bring to bear in the exercise of sound judgment and a wise discrimination in the selection of mortgages in which to make secure investments, of the Endowment Fund committed to their care.

Taking a retrospective view of the past, considering all facts known at the time of the transactions, and comparing results with similar financial institutions, the investments as a whole are believed to have been so managed as to yield the most profit possible with conservative action.

The total amount of bonds, mortgages, notes, real estate, etc., including current funds held by your Board at the date of this report, is five hundred and thirty-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-four dollars and thirty-three cents ($535,874.33). The general endowment account has been increased during the current year by additions to the endowment accounts of Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Geneva College, Theological Seminary, Students' Aid Fund, Aged Ministers' Fund, and the Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers' Fund, to the aggregate extent of sixteen thousand three hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-three cents ($16,379.93), making the Endowment accounts, including the D. Gregg Bequest, aggregate four hundred and ninety-three thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-five cents ($493,386.75).

There has been earned during the year ending May 1, 1897, after deducting the expenses of conducting the business, and, in addition, paying interest on special trusts, a sum sufficient to declare a dividend of five and one-half per cent. on the remaining funds held for endowment purposes; and accordingly the Geneva College, Theological Seminary, Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, and other funds entitled to participate in the net profits, have been credited at the rate named.

Eighteenth.—Election of Trustees.—The time for which Messrs. William Blair, John A. Dodds and Theophilus Sproull were made members of this Board will expire this year. We therefore ask Synod at this meeting to elect their successors by ballot, according to the act incorporating the Board, to serve for three years ending June 15, 1900.

Nineteenth.—Delegate to Synod.—Pursuant to Synod's action authorizing such representation, we report having chosen Mr. John T. Morton (Mr. A. C. Coulter as alternate) to represent the Board at the present meeting of Synod, with authority to bring before you, in person, such other matters of financial interest as may seem to require action on your part during the present meeting of Synod.

Twentieth.—The Books and Accounts.—The Board at a recent meeting appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Theophilus Sproull and Samuel McNaugher, to examine the bonds, mortgages, securities and accounts of the Treasurer, and found the same correct, except as to one item as shown by the Auditor's certificate attached to the account of the Treasurer, and to which you are respectfully referred.

We submit, for your convenience, from this report, the following items in brief, among others that may be suggested for formal action at the present meeting of Synod.

I. Action to secure payment of interest from the late First through the Third New York Congregation.

II. A reconsideration of last year's direction as to the Mrs. Jennet McNaught Bequest.

III. Directions as to payment of interest on appropriations, as contained in item sixth of the foregoing report.

IV. To designate to what schemes of Synod four thousand dollars ($4,000) of the Mrs. Rachel Stevenson gift shall be applied.

V. To give instructions as to what Mission Endowment Funds shall be credited the nine hundred dollars ($900) from Mrs. Margaret Peoples, deceased.

VI. To indicate what use shall be made of the Mrs. Jessie Fraser Bequest of $447.36.

VII. As to the "Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Gift," that the contemplated action, as reported by the Board, be approved, or if not approved, other instructions be given.

VIII. That suitable action be taken in reference to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged People's Home, as suggested in the fourteenth (14th) item of this report.

IX. That appropriations be made according to items fifteenth and sixteenth, herein presented, for the Aged Ministers' Fund, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Theological Seminary Fund, Students' Aid Fund, and the Library Fund.

X. That there be an election of three Trustees, by ballot, for three years ending June 15, 1900.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

DANIEL CHESTNUT,
Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, May 1, 1897.

STATISTICS OF SYRIAN MISSION.

LATAKIA CENTER.

1. No. of Communicants		173
Missionaries	8	
Natives—		
Latakia	62	
Gunaimia	56	
Bahamra	24	
Jendairia	12	
Inkzik	5	
Tartoos	6	
2. No. of Baptisms		14
Children of natives	13	
" missionaries	1	
3. Increase of Communicants		15
Missionary	1	
Natives by profession	13	
" restoration	1	
4. Decrease of Communicants		15
By certificate	1	
By death	1	
By purging roll	13	
5. No. of Employees		25
Licentiates	3	
Bible readers	2	
" shopman	1	
Male teachers	8	
Female "	6	
School servants	5	

6. No. of Schools		7
Boys', boarding	1	
Girls', "	1	
" day	2	
Boys', "	3	
7. No. of Pupils		398
Boys, boarders	40	
" day	170	
Girls, "	142	
" boarding	46	
8. No. of Sabbath Schools		3
Average attendance		355
Teachers		20
9. Contributions—		
Congregation collections		$79.40
Sabbath School "		16.50
C. E. Society		23.00
Girls' Junior C. E. Society		.90
Contributions by natives to Mission Treasury		15.60
Contributions by or through missionaries to Treasury		146.00
		$281.40

SUADIA CENTER.

1. No. of Communicants		25
Missionaries	3	
Natives	22	
2. No. of Baptisms		8
Missionary child	1	
Adults	3	
3. Increase of Communicants		5
By baptism	3	
By certificate	1	
By mistake, omitted last year	1	
4. Decrease of Communicants		2
Missionary and wife	2	
5. No. of Employees		8
Licentiate who also teaches	1	
Teachers	3	
Bible readers	1	
School servants	3	
6. No. of Schools		2
Boys', boarding and day	1	
Girls', " "	1	

7. No. of Pupils		99
Boys, boarders	26	
" day	47	
Girls, boarders	16	
" day	10	
8. No. of Sabbath Schools		1
Pupils, average attendance		50
Teachers		6
9. Contributions—		
By congregations sent to Chinese Mission		$32.00
By Sabbath School to Jewish Mission, Philadelphia, Pa		18.00
By native members for Jewish Mission, Jerusalem		2.50
By medical receipts from Miss Cunningham		4.50
By missionaries		121.00
		$178.00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF TARSUS MISSION.

Central Stations		1
Out Stations		1
Missionaries	4	
Ordained minister	1	
Medical missionary	1	
Ladies	2	
Native Helpers	10	
Teachers, male	4	
" female	2	
Evangelist	1	
Other helpers	3	

Baptisms		3
Schools	4	
Boarding for girls	1	
" " boys	1	
Day for girls	1	
" boys	1	
Pupils	103	
Boys	64	
Girls	39	
Communicants	38	

CONGREGATIONS.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous	Total.
New York Pres.																										
First Boston	Sam'l McNaugher.	67 Antrim St., Cambridge, Mass.	4	6	31	4	282	7	107	90	177	....	35	....	....	10	....	....	500	14	....	....	....	1,600	2,440	4,776
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	56 Pinckney St., Boston, Mass.	5	4	9	9	120	7	75	25	40	30	2	20	5	....	30	....	5	46	5	....	....	1,500	1,250	2,933
Bovina	T. M. Slater	Bovina Center, N. Y.	4*	2*	....	....	75*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Brooklyn		Sam'l Carmichael, 322 Madison St, B'klyn.	4	3	2	12	35	....	39	35	12	....	1	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	564	313	901
Cambridge	S. G. Shaw	45 Antrim St., Cambridge, Mass.	3	4	16	...	50	4	58	20	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4,177	....	....	....	....	1,200	376	5,768
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Coldenham, N. Y.	5	4	1	1	56†	....	58	20	19	35	21	6	5	....	2	3	1	....	7	1	....	800	63	963
Kortright		William Orr, Stamford, N. Y.	3*	1*	....	....	26*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
First Newburgh	J. W. F. Carlisle.	284 Liberty St., Newburgh, N.Y.	3	4	13	13	185	5	160	85	500	16	45	56	47	....	....	....	140	....	....	....	....	1,500	1,100	3,404
Second Newburgh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y.	5*	4*	....	....	220*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., New York, N. Y.	6	8	10	19	296	4	435‖	120	4,472	206	218	204	206	123	159	715	698	217	197	44	44	3,000	7,234§	17,737
Third New York	F. M. Foster	341 W. 29th St., New York, N.Y.	6	4	22	14	211	5	205	75	177	19	29	24	19	17	18	36	15	18	21	24	22	2,500	2,821	5,760
Fourth New York		Robt. McAfee, 62 Ann St., N.Y.	3	2	....	50	50	3	100	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,522	3,522
Walton	R. C. Reed	Walton, N. Y.	5	6	4	2	110	1	219	22	44	....	37	10	5	....	4	4	....	8	3	5	....	400	585	1,105
West Hebron	T. A. McElwain	West Hebron, N. Y.	3	2	7	....	37	2‡	41	45	25	5	6	4	2	2	5	4	3	3	7	5	3	350	131	555
White Lake		Jos. Williams, White Lake, N.Y.	3*	2*	....	....	50*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	T. A. Rusk	921 W. Cabanne Ave., St. Louis.	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	James Kennedy	334 W. 55th St., New York, N.Y.	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	A. I. Robb	Canton, China	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	G. P. Raitt	Newburgh, N. Y.	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	S. R. Wallace	526 Monroe St., Brooklyn, N.Y.	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
No. of Cong's, 15	No. Ministers, 16	Totals	62	56	115	124	1,803	38	1,497	537	5,481	311	394	328	291	152	218	762	5,539	306	240	84	69	13,414	19,835	47,424
Rochester Pres.																										
Lisbon	W. McFarland		3	4	....	....	61	....	50	.....	52	11	11	10	5	5	5	5	13	11	14	6	6	600¶	174	928
Lochiel		Wm. Jamieson, Brodie, Ont.	3	2	1	4	33	....	12	.....	5	....	....	5	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	206	224
Ramsey	E. M. Coleman	Almonte, Ontario, Canada	4	3	2	3	64	2	82	.....	55	12	19	18	6	6	6	15	9	16	16	5	5	530¶	230	948
Sterling		John Hunter, Sterling Valley, N.Y.	2	1	..	6	36	....	34	.....	55	15	20	8	10	....	7	24	55	....	15	7	7	540*a*	168	931
Syracuse	G. M. Robb	S. Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.	3	2	16	9	64	....	69	52	98	6	14	10	9	....	5	14	209	8	14	....	....	250	277	914
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y.	4	..	4	6	111	1	65	23	70	15	21	10	10	7	7	11	11	20	15	9	10	800¶	423	1,440
.	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
No. of Cong's, 6	No. Ministers, 5	Totals	19	12	23	28	369	3	312	75	335	59	85	61	45	21	30	69	297	55	74	27	28	2,720	1,478	5,385
Ohio Pres.																										
Jonathan's Creek (1)			3	1	2	9	37	....	.....	.....	20	....	6	....	....	....	....	3	2	6	2	....	4	.....	404 *b*	447
Londonderry	P. H. Wylie	Londonderry, Ohio	4	..	....	5	41	....	43	.....	9	7	7	7	5	5	5	4	3	9	....	....	....	300	63	424
Mansfield (2)			2	2	....	....	48	....	32	22	25	4	7	4	3	4	2	4	.....	2	2	3	2	.....	438 *d*	500
Mid. Wheeling, M.S. (3)			1	..	....	1	19	....	16	.....	8	3	3	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	75 *f*	92
Musk'm & Tomica (4)			3	..	....	6	19	....	12	.....	2	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	1	2	1	1	1	.....	218 *g*	231
New Concord (5)			4	4	7	10	97	1	72	35	50	10	9	26	29	5	3	5	8	10	26	4	3	.....	612 *h*	800
North Salem (6)			2	..	2	....	11	....	....	....	5	....	2	4	1	1	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	35 *i*	53
Utica	J. S. Thompson	Utica, Ohio	6	5	6	24*c*	90	4*e*	90	40	173	13	23	42	8	8	7	10	9	14	8	6	4	710	280	1,315
....	R. B. Cannon	6453 Evans Ave., Chicago, Ill.	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	George Benaugh	Mansfield, Ohio	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	J. M. Faris	Utica, Ohio	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
No. of Cong's, 7	No. Ministers, 5	Totals	25	12	17	55	362	5	265	97	292	39	59	86	47	23	17	26	23	48	39	14	14	1,010	2,125	3,862

Philadelphia Pres.																											
Baltimore	T. H. Walker	1716 N. Caroline St., Balt., Md.	2	..	1	2	37	....	70	10	28	8	8	8	8	3	2	4	4	4	4	1	1	600	415	1,098
Conococheague	T. H. Walker, S.S.	1716 N. Caroline St., Balt., Md.	2	..	....	1	20	1	.....	.....	1	2	2	3	3	1	6	1	1	12	1	3	2	252	45	335
First Phila	T. P. Stevenson	17th and Bainbridge Sts., Phila.	5	6	8	....	183	6†	185	65	146	43	390‡	60	12	28	20	16	11	76	9	10	14	2,000	2,234	5,069
Second Phila	J. C. McFeeters	1511 Christian St., Phila	6	..	17	30	275	6	212§	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	2,422	5,463
Third Phila	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna Ave., Phila.	7	4	10	5	158	4	170	40	214	59	36	38	34	36	16	10	286	45	7	5	7	1,300	2,261	4,354
.....	A. W. Johnston	Northwood, Ohio	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	N. R. Johnston	Oakland, Cal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 5	No. Ministers, 6	Totals	22	10	36	38	673	17	637	145	389	112	436	109	57	68	44	31	302	137	21	19	24	6,152	7,377	16,319
Pittsburgh Pres.																											
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	84 Boyle St., Allegheny, Pa.	4	..	3	8	102	1	125	12	338	59	572	56	185	35	37	68	958	175	63	17	17	1,600	*f*1,050	5,230
*Bear Run & *Maho.	J. F. Crozier	Marchand, Pa.	5	1	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Rehoboth.			2	..	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Beaver Falls	W. M. Glasgow	1201 6th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	5	7	13	11	134	5	300	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	3	10	10	1,100	191	2,548
Brook'ld&Manch'r	J. B. McIsaac	Ingleside, Pa.	5	4	13	8	105	1	95	30	43	..	25	36	22	19	15	...	.....	37	3	10	10	800	191	1,211
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	229 North Ave., Allegheny, Pa.	5	..	16	10	209	12	565	64	166	48	89	8	49	....	2	4	225	5	1	5	9	2,000	1,487	4,098
Clarksburg	.....	Robt. Henry, Clarksburg, Pa.	2	2	.....	....	24	.....	.....	.....	37	...	15	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	..	3	3	.....	165	227
College Hill	.....	R. M. Downie, Beaver Falls, Pa.	5	5	7	3	46	5	58	....	65	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,053	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	626	2,844
East End	D. C. Martin	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.	4	3	11	6	45	....	93	11	10	....	15	5	20	....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	540	932	1,542
Geneva	H. G. Foster	Beaver Falls, Pa.	7	6	28	1	121	4	300	30	154	87	53	92*a*	382	37	12	43	620	11	77	10	8	1,000	689	3,276
Little Beaver	J. R. Wylie	New Galilee, Pa.	4	5	3	6	94	4	75	20	74	10	17	10	18	10	2	6	9	53	6	8	....	800	210	1,233
McKeesport & Monong'la	B. M. Sharpe	McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa.	4	2	8	4	50	3	25	.....	20	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	87	8	4	.....	.....	*b*275	100	504
Mercer & Adamsv'le	W. J. McKnight	Mercer, Pa.	4	4	2	4	74	....	55	.....	21	19	8	10	9	9	6	2	2	2	2	22	6	5	*c*400	150	671
Middletown	W. J. McKnight, S.S.	R. J. McCracken, Argentine, Pa.	4	..	.....	1	20	...	25	.....	5	...	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*d*152	162
Miller's Run	S. G. Connar	Venice, Washington Co., Pa.	3	..	.....	13	54	1	57	....	217	35	50	70	78	14	15	42	55	106	33	16	14	731	153	1,629
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa.	6	2	3	1	134	1	136	.....	159	33	46	39	47	24	30	34	246	33	28	9	9	900	444	2,082
New Castle	J. S. Martin	69 Oak Ave., New Castle, Pa.	5	8	10	3	161	4	300	70	123	40	153	50	54	31	2	5	130	97	7	4	6	1,000	379	2,081
North Union	.....	A. A. Dickey, Renfrew, Pa.	3	..	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	*g*401	411
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	405 Park Ave., Warren, Ohio	3	2	....	2	38	..	40	15	25	....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	*e*335	614
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2	..	1	1	18	....	25	.....	4	2	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	209	8	238
Union			3	2	18	8	68	4	50	.....	95	4	29	48	43	10	6	9	11	121	6	6	6	625	250	1,269
Parnassus	J. S. Duncan	Parnassus, Pa.	4	3	1	11	70	2	45	25	127	20	17	24	76	17	4	16	33	113	2	9	4	900	246	1,608
Pittsburgh	D. McAllister	13 Union Ave., Allegheny, Pa.	5	7	12	14	233	8	325	40	194	40	142	31	32	....	75	..	.....	210	.....	.....	.....	2,500	3,142	6,365
*Salem	.....	Joseph McFarland, Stanton, Pa.	4	..	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Slippery Rock	J. R. Latimer	Rose Point, Lawrence Co., Pa.	7	2	.....	2	73	2	100	.....	80	3	10	8	20	3	5	4	9	4	8	3	3	600	222	982
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie	South Ave., Station D, Pitts. Pa.	5	..	7	5	125	7	454	.....	12	56	43	62	141	27	.....	.....	525	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200	2,018	4,084
Youngstown	.....	J. A. Forsythe, Youngstown, Ohio	3	4	....	2	35	....	45	.....	1	1	2	1	....	1	1	....	3	....	9	2	1	.....	*h*137	159
.....	J. R. Baird	Indiana, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. W. Carithers	Fort Sill, Oklahoma	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	H. Easson	Larnaca, Cyprus	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. C. K. Faris	Beaver Falls, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Jno. Galbraith	Mars, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	H. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. George	208 Sandusky St., Allegheny, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	W. P. Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Geo. Kennedy	Beaver Falls, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. J. McFarland	Beaver Falls, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. L. McCartney	University Park, Denver, Col.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. J. McClurkin	New Alexandria, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. McIsaac	Selma, Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	D. J. Shaw	New Alexandria, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	D. B. Willson	Allegheny, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centreville, M. S.	J. R. Latimer, S.S.	H. R. Blair, Keister, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 27	No. Ministers, 35	Totals	113	69	156	139*j*	2,184	64‡	3,293	369	1,970	461	1,298	552	1,178	237	216	239	5,036	1,125	272	118	105	17,380	13,678	45,063

†One Adult. ‡$347 for work among Italians and City Mission, Philadelphia. §$40 in Syrian Mission.

* Not reported this year. Report taken from last year. *a*. $51 in '95. *b*. For 10 months. *c*. ¾ time. *d*. $120 Stated Supply. *e*. $150 Sabbath Reform. *f*. $253 Geneva College. *g*. $237 Stated Supply. *h*. $63 Stated Supply. *i*. Six Adults. *j*. 15 in Oil City Mission Station.

STATISTICS OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CONGREGATIONS.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous	Total.
Vermont Pres.																										
Barnet	D. C. Faris	West Barnet, Vt.	4	3	1	1	53	....	109	.....	65	38	13	15	8	8	9	12	14	11	10	5	6	518	62	688
Craftsbury	J. C. Taylor	East Craftsbury, Vt	3	2	2	2	57	5†	100	.....	47	10	12	9	6	6	7	2	3	9	....	5	5	450*x*	120	794
Ryegate		Duncan Ritchie, Boltonville, Vt.	3	1	....	...	25	....	.....	.....	36	9	12	9	6	6	12	....	.....	11	...	.....	....	192*	.....	414
No. of Cong's, 3	No. Ministers, 2	Totals..	10	6	3	27‡	135	5	209		148	57	37	33	20	20	28	14	17	31	10	10	11	1,160	182	1,896
Lakes Pres.																										
Belle Centre	P. P. Boyd	Belle Centre, Ohio.	3	1	4	4	53	1	50	.....	30	8	8	3	9	3	4	2	127	3	5	3	3	350	104	662
Bellefontaine	P. P. Boyd, S. S.	Jas. Forsythe, Bellefontaine, O.	6	..	8	3	47	1	34	.....	18	....	.....	....	5	....	....	2	.....	....	4	....	3	175	41	248
Cedarville		D. S. Ervin, Cedarville, Ohio ..	3	..	...	13	43	....	.....	.....	30	17	11	13	7	6	6	17	14	21	12	3	5	.....	13	175
Cedar Lake		D. S. Mitchell, Ray, Indiana....	5	3	1	19	91	3	140	50	53	7	22	38	8	7	3	12	3	9	11	2	2	375	151	703
Cincinnati	J. C. Smith	24 S. Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, O.	2	4	2	11	63	5	138	36	28	4	13	3	2	108	2	4	118	5	19	3	3	1,075	316	1,703
Fair Grove		J. S. Wylie, Fair Grove, Mich..	3	4	10	....	50	2	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	19	164
Southfield	J. McCracken	Box 221, Birmingham, Mich....	5	4	4	3	110	2	100	32	85	18	15	14	....	21	8	7	.....	....	8	7	6	510	151	850
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Northwood, Ohio.	6	6	7	14	125	3	80	20	94	....	23	10	24	32	11	11	377	8	16	8	4	800	185	1,603
Brush Creek, M. S.		W. C. Ralston, May Hill, Ohio..	2	1	....	22	24	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	12	.....	20
.....	T. C. Sproull	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
....	Charles Clyde	.....	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 8	No. Ministers, 6	Totals	35	23	36	89	606	19	618	138	338	54	92	81	55	177	34	55	639	46	83	26	26	3,442	980	6,128
Kansas Pres.																										
Beulah	R. A. Paden, S. S.	Superior, Neb., Adam Glasgow (cor.) Mt. Clare, Neb.	5	3	2	....	69	....	105	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	189*o*	76	271
Clarinda	J. W. Dill	Clarinda, Iowa	6	7	22	6*d*	151	5	216	76	114	16	25	139	30	12	17	16	17	24	16	8	10	800	499	1,743
College Springs		I. A. Blackwood, College Springs, Ia.	3	2	5	2	17	....	25	.....	12	1	3	3	3	4	1	6	5	6	4	2	....	120	8	178
Eskridge	J. R. W. Stevenson	Eskridge, Kansas	6	4	7	36	78	7	84	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	3	....	13	15	9	.....	.....	548	273	879
Hebron	W. S. Fulton	Idana, Kansas	3	3	6	11	91	1*a*	137	50	26	3	8	12	11	5	5	4	3	13	6	4	3	424	110	637
Holmwood	R. A. Paden, S. S.	Superior, Nebraska.	4	2	4	12	32	2	60	40	10	5	1	2	2	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	85	19	136
Kansas City	A. J. McFarland, Jr.	1735 Summit St., Kans. City, Mo.	4	3	4	4	55	1	75	48	57	8	11	8	3	2	3	....	99	10	4	1	1	341	263	811
Long Branch	J. R. Wylie	Blanchard, Iowa	7	4	2	2	146	2	110	15	137	23	7	20	5	20	5	15	8	22	10	6	7	800	356	1,440
North Cedar		Matthew Mann (cor.) Dennison, Kansas.	*c*3	*c*2	...	...	101*c*	....	180*c*	.....	29	5	12	11	6	...	2	4	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	800	153	1,040
Olathe	Geo. A. Edgar	Olathe, Kansas.	6	4	7	5	176	....	148	20	237	44	27	67	37	22	14	29	24	42	25	13	10	690	512	1,793
Sterling	T. J. Allen	Sterling, Kansas.	5	4	23	12	61	3	110	50	36	9	7	7	6	7	5	8	5	8	6	5	5	500	264	878
Superior	R. A. Paden, S. S.	Superior, Nebraska.	3	3	3	10	41	2	60	.....	11	3	3	3	1	3	2	4	3	....	2	3	2	273	24	337
Tabor	S. M. Stevenson	Idana, Kansas.	4	3	10	2	60	6	108	30	12	9	7	18	13	2	2	5	3	...	....	3	3	125	60	262
Topeka	H. P. McClurkin, S. S.	Topeka, Kansas.	3	..	6	4	45	....	61	.....	10	8	5	6	2	....	....	6	74	3	2	6	....	253	39	414
Wahoo	W. C. Paden, S. S.	Wahoo, Nebraska.	5	3	1	7	44	1	55	.....	7	17	5	5	3	3	3	....	2	3	3	....	2	208	126	387
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	Winchester, Kansas.	7	5	14	6	184	3	160*c*	.....	146	31	31	27	39	8	12	20	16	30	20	8	8	864	610	1,870
Cache Creek, M. S	W. W. Carithers	Fort Sill, Ok.	..	..	....	....	26	....	57	.....	44	46	22	23	1	14	8	25	19	9	16	9	9	.....	63	308
§Quinter		Quinter, Kansas.	4	4	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Elmer McBurney	Canton, China.	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. A. Thompson	College Springs, Iowa.	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Littlejohn	College Springs, Iowa.	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 17	No. Ministers, 15	Totals	78	56	116	119	1,405	33	1,751	374	899	227	174	351	169	109	82	142	292	210	128	68	60	7,020	3,455	13,384

†Two Adults. ‡24 Topsham Congregation Disorganized. *x*. And Parsonage. *Pulpit Supply.
§Quinter Reorganized. *a*. Adult. *c*. From Last Year's Report. *d*. A By Death. *o*. Supply and Arrears.

Colorado Pres.																										
Evans	James Patton	Evans, Colo.	2	3	6	6	63	1	96	25	53	....	11	9	....	....	....	16	9	11	12	....	4	645	74	844
Seattle	P. J. McDonald	1701 Terry Ave., Seattle, Wash.	4	4	4	6	44	1	135	20	15	4	12	3	4	....	4	5	84	10	....	....	....	420	412	901
La Junta	.....	A. Dodds, La Junta, Colo	3	2	....	....	49	....	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	....	....	12	....	....	....	....	†250	298	570
Denver	T. H. Acheson	521 S. Pearl St	2	2	13	4	60	....	130	25	13	5	.....	3	11	2	....	1	112	1	1	2	4	446	394	995
.....	J. M. Armour	2504 Dennyway, Seattle, Wash.	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Wylie	6453 Evans Ave., Chicago, Ill.	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 4	No. Ministers, 5	Totals	11	11	23	16	216	2	435	70	81	9	23	15	15	12	4	22	217	22	13	2	8	1,761	1,178	3,310
Illinois Pres.																										
Bethel	D. S. Faris	Sparta, Ill	5	1	4	6	71	4	50	.....	97	4	8	3	1	3	2	3	4	8	3	3	3	500	160	862
Bloomington	R. M. Blackwood	Bloomington, Ind	6	4	7	2	102	3	132	30	73	39	29	60	17	....	13	18	31	21	20	14	13	175	651	1,173
Coulterville	E. G. Elsey	Coulterville, Ill	4	5	13	9	100	4	50	25	21	5	3	6	14	10	3	4	3	....	5	5	1	667	3	750
Oakdale	J. C. French	Oakdale, Ill	7	7	9	14	190	3	210	60	50	10	33	22	33	21	6	5	8	37	6	8	8	900	252	1,399
Old Bethel	.....	.....	9	4	7	5	157	6	100	30	156	22	24	12	25	9	9	6	6	25	10	3	6	522	430	1,365
Princeton	J. G. Reed	Princeton, Ind	4	2	12	1	72	3*a*	117	17	41	12	15	12	8	6	5	13	8	14	14	5	5	800	267	1,225
Selma	S. Kingston, S. S.	Selma, Ala	4	3	3	6	126	....	550	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	10	.....	....	342	80	432
*Staunton	.....	Hugh Patterson, Staunton, Ill.	3	2	....	....	33	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis	.....	.....	3	2	1	2	30	1	.....	.....	12	5	.....	5	5	3	3	7	5	11	3	....	....	350	495	904
.....	M. A. Gault	Chicago, Ill	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 9	No. Ministers, 7	Totals	45	30	56	45	881	24	1,209	237	450	97	112	120	103	52	41	56	65	116	71	38	36	4,256	2,388	7,950
N. Brunswick and Nova Scotia Pres.																										
St. John	.....	R. A. H. Morrow, St. John, N. B.	4	..	....	4	34	....	15	10	17	..	7	....	....	....	....	..	.....	....	8	6	6	.....	881	925
Barnesville	.....	Wm. J. Curry, Barnesville, N. B.	3	..	....	8	36	4	30	.....	14	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	148	162
Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	2	..	5	5	70	1	40	.....	40	....	5	5	10	....	10	.....	.....	10	....	....	....	350	80	510
.....	Robert Stewart	Wilmot, Nova Scotia	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*b*Houlton, M. S	.....	Jos. Henderson, Houlton, Me	1	..	....	....	12	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 3	No. Ministers, 2	Totals	10		5	17	152	5	85	10	71		12	5	10		10			10	8	6	6	350	1,109	1,597
Syrian Pres.																										
Eldainey	.....	Eldainey, Syria	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jendairia	.....	Jendairia, Syria	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*c*Latakia	J. S Stewart, Miss.	Latakia, Syria	..	..	15	15	173	14	355	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*c*Suadia, M. S	J. B. Dodds, Miss.	Suadia, Syria	..	..	5	2	25	8*d*	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	281
*c*Tarsus, M. S	David Metheny, Miss.	Mersine, Syria	..	..	....	10	38	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178
Cyprus	.....	.....	..	..	....	....	5	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. Dodds	Beaver Falls, Pa	..	..	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 3	No. Ministers, 4	Totals			20	27	241*e*	25	405																	459
Iowa Pres.																										
*f*First Chicago	....	J. C. McCandless, 6026 Ellis Ave., Chic., Ill.	3	4	31	....	31	....	35	20	12	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	224
Hickory Grove	.....	D. C. Nichol, Albia, Iowa	3	3	....	17	30	3	42	.....	7	9	6	4	4	2	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	.....	56	105
Hopkinton	.....	R. L. Wallace, Hopkinton, Iowa	4	3	....	3	103	2	101	39	183	15	67	26	16	10	6	12	9	13	15	7	6	.....	815	1,200
Lake Reno	.....	J. L. Ewing, Glenwood, Minn.	5	3	7	7	90	3	50	.....	15	10	15	15	10	10	....	.....	.....	10	5	....	..	.....	688	778
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Morning Sun, Iowa	6	5	13	8	135	5	126	52	195	19	139	68	46	....	17	15	103	40	15	7	5	875	575	2,119
Rehoboth	J. A. Black	Wyman, Iowa	4	4	6	4	62	1	54	25	128	34	131	62	27	38	17	13	12	33	9	7	9	700	175	1,395
Sharon	T. P. Robb	Linton, Iowa	7	6	14	14	230	*a*14	221	40	209	32	20	35	40	41	8	10	‡2754	26	17	10	4	1,000	542	4,748
Vernon	Isaiah Faris	Vernon, Wis	3	..	1	4	57	3	82	.....	56	12	18	10	13	11	6	8	5	13	20	7	5	491	96	771
Washington	W. C. Allen	Washington, Iowa	4	1	7	8	65	2	41	20	54	26	.....	44	26	....	....	16	18	....	....	....	....	700	236	1,120
.....	G. R. McBurney	Cannonsburg, Pa	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 9	No. Ministers, 6	Totals	39	29	79	86*h*	803	33	752	196	859	157	396	264	182	112	58	76	2,903	150	83	40	31	3,766	3,383	12,504

†Supplies. *Last Year's Report. *a*. One Adult. *b*. No Report since 1895. *c*. Other Stations near by included. *d*. Three Adults. *e*. Last year the total should have been 243, not 248. *f*. Organized April 23, 1897. *h*. 21 for Elliota Disorganized. *i*. $2,738 Repairs on Church Building.

SUMMARY.

Presbyteries.	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
N. Brunswick & N. Scotia	3	2	10	.....	5	17	152	5	85	10	$ 71	....	$ 12	$ 5	$ 10	...	$ 10	.....	.....	$ 10	$ 8	$ 6	$ 6	$ 350	$1,109	$ 1,597
Iowa	9	6	39	29	79	86	803	33	752	196	859	$ 157	396	264	182	$112	58	$ 76	$2,903	150	83	40	31	3,766	3,383	12,504
Lakes	8	6	35	23	36	89	606	19	618	138	338	54	92	81	55	177	34	55	639	46	83	26	26	3,442	980	6,128
Kansas	17	15	78	56	116	119	1,405	33	1,751	374	899	227	174	351	169	109	82	142	292	210	128	68	60	7,020	3,455	13,384
Pittsburgh	27	35	113	69	156	139	2,184	64	3,293	369	1,970	461	1,298	552	1,178	237	216	239	5,036	1,125	272	118	105	17,380	13,678	45,063
Illinois	9	7	45	30	56	45	881	24	1,209	237	450	97	112	120	10	52	41	56	65	116	71	38	36	4,256	2,338	7,950
Ohio	7	5	25	12	17	55	362	5	265	97	292	39	59	86	47	23	17	26	23	48	39	14	14	1,010	2,125	3,862
Colorado	4	5	11	11	23	16	216	2	435	70	81	9	23	15	15	12	4	22	217	22	13	2	8	1,761	1,178	3,310
Vermont	3	2	10	6	3	27	135	5	209	.....	148	57	37	33	20	20	28	14	17	31	10	10	11	1,160	182	1,896
Philadelphia	5	6	22	10	36	38	673	17	637	145	389	112	436	109	57	68	44	31	302	137	21	19	24	6,152	7,377	16,319
Rochester	6	5	19	12	23	28	369	3	312	75	335	59	85	61	45	21	30	69	297	55	74	27	28	2,720	1,478	5,384
New York	15	16	62	56	115	124	1,803	38	1,497	537	5,481	311	394	328	291	152	218	762	5,539	306	240	84	69	13,414	19,835	47,424
Syrian	3	4	.....	.....	20	27	241	25	405	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	459
Totals	116	114	469	314	685	810	9,830	273	11,468	2,248	$11,313	$1,583	$3,118	$2,005	$2,172	$983	$782	$1,492	$15,330	$2,256	$1,042	$452	$418	$62,431	$57,128	$165,280

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